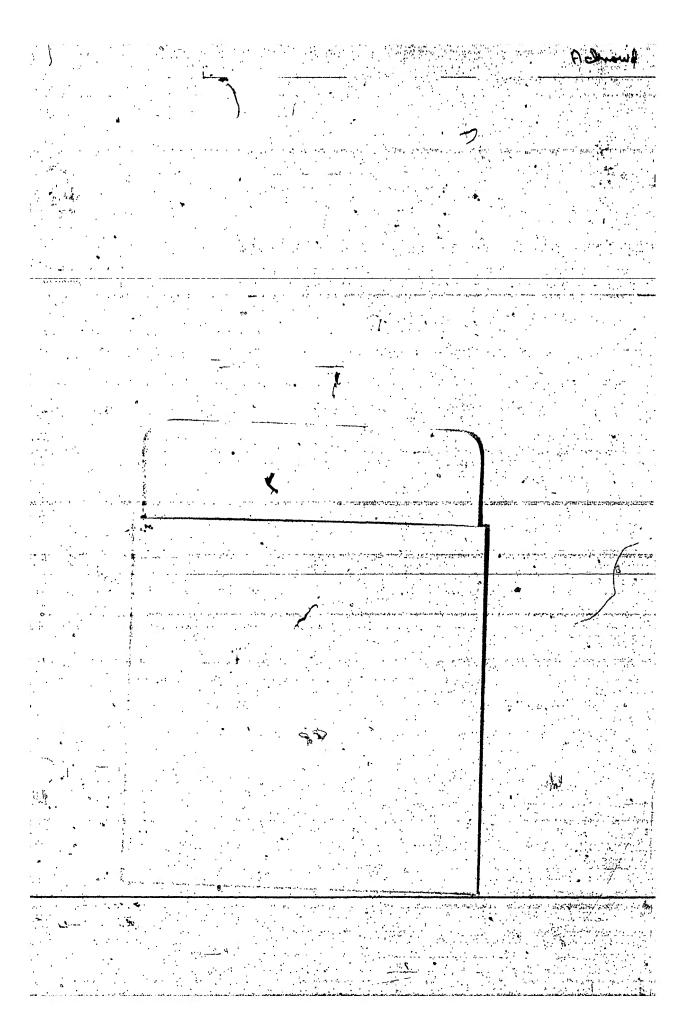
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# **APOLOGIA**

For five years the committee has been searching for information to make possible the publication of this book. They had access to records and have applied to everyone available to get authentic information. If anything is omitted or any pioneer not mentioned, it is because those who possessed the information have not presented it. But to all such, the committee humbly offers its deepest apologies. And to all those who have helped, in any way, our sincerest thanks.



Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth leaving Knox Church at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Sunday, June 4th, 1939

Photo by E. P. GIBSON Knox Church.

To right — Rev. Abernathy.



## **VERSE**

#### FOR OUR BOYS WHO FELL IN 1914-1918

I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course,

I have kept faith.

II Timothy 4:7.

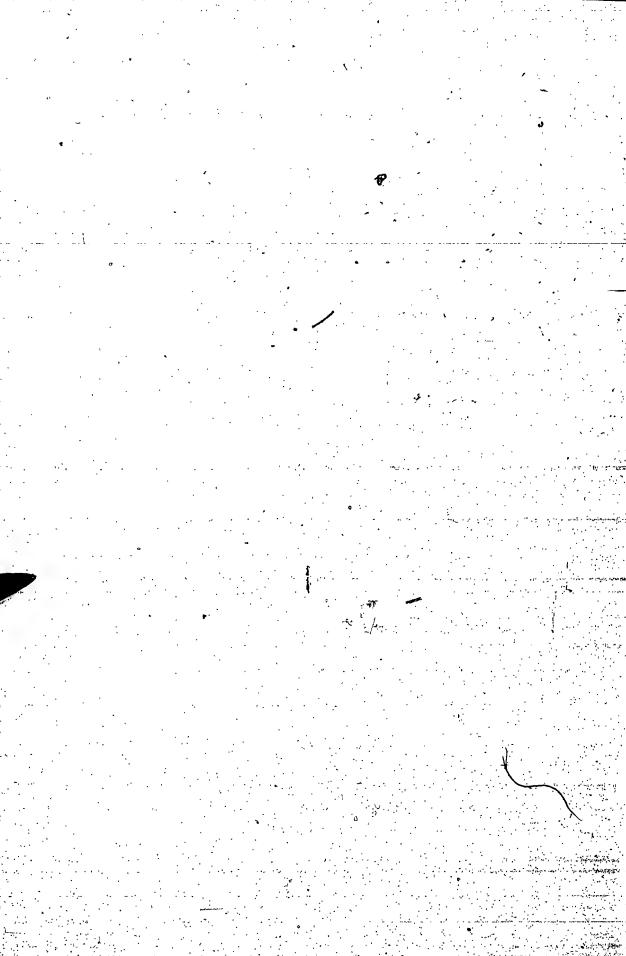
For their King and for their Country Rendered up their souls to God.

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They were a wall unto us both by night and by day.

I Samuel 25: 16.

To live in Hearts we leave behind is not to die.



# VETERANS WORLD WAR I WHO PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE



#### PTE. BURFORD, JAMES

Son of James and Sarah Burford, was born January 16 at Taunton, Somerset, England. Enlisted with the 107th Battalion at Amaranth, Man., in September, 1916. Killed in action, March 28, 1917, buried in Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont St. Eloy, France. Was married to Beatrice Lily Vowels. They had two daughters, Beatrice and Irene.

#### BJORNSON, VALDIMAR

Son of Ivar and Anna Bjornson, was born November 12, 1896, at Glenboro. Came to Big Point when he was 8 years old, attended school there. Enlisted on February 29, 1916, with the 184th Battalion, went overseas in October, 1916, and to France, where six months later he was hospitalized with Trench Fever, went back to France in March 1918. In August he was wounded and died on August 13, 1918.

#### HILLIARD, CHARLES E. L.

Son of Louis and Annie Hilliard, was born on August 23, 1882, at Whitemouth, Ont. Enlisted at Winnipeg in January, 1915. Died on active service on April 3, 1917.

#### HILLIARD, HAROLD

Son of Louis and Annie Hilliard, was born in November, 1892, at Kenora, Ont. Enlisted in 1915. Killed overseas on September 18, 1918.



#### NURSING SISTER AGNES McPHERSON

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McPherson, of Lakeland, and a grand-daughter of James Mc-Pherson who was one of the earliest settlers in the district. She attended Amana school and when war broke out in 1914 she was training as a nurse in Winnipeg. In 1917 she joined the army and was sent overseas as a Nursing Sister. She nursed at the General Military Hospital at Etaples and was on duty there when the hospital was bombed by the Germans. Though it was her privilege to go to the bomb shelter; she refused, and remained with her patients, too badly wounded to be moved, and was herself so badly wounded by the bombs she died shortly after. She was in truth, as one of the soldiers said to her, when she stayed, "a brave woman." Nursing Sister Agnes McPherson was

24 years old when she died of wounds and was buried in the Military Cemetery near Etaples.

#### CPL. THORDARSON, THOMAS INGIMAR

Son of Jon and Gudfinna Thordarson, was born in Saskatchewan on May 19, 1891, attended Hollywood school. Entisted in the fall of 1914 with the "Lord Strathcona Horse," going overseas on October 3, 1915, to England, and shortly after, to France, taking part in the battles at Hesseims, Dichbach, Simal, Somme, Peronne, Tevin-Court, Gusen-Court, Bethen-Court and Vaten-Court, where he was killed, May 27, 1917.



#### INDIA VETERAN

#### **VOWELS, ERNEST WILLIAM**

Son of James and Mary Ann Vowels. Born May 28, 1873. Enlisted August, 1892, at Bristol, England. Went overseas 1892, to India. Sailed from Portsmouth, England to Karachi, India, spent three years there, then was transferred to Quetta for two years, from there to Hyderabad for one year, then to Peshawar for three more, then to Rawalpindi for three years, six months at Silkoat and two years at Station Mineware, then back to Karachi and sailed from there to England, 1907. Came to Canada in 1907.

#### **BOER WAR VETERANS**

#### PTE. DELL, FREDERICK JAMES A

Son of Peter James and Lucy Ann Dell. Born February 19, 1875, at Lansing, Mich., U.S.A. Enlisted April 26, 1902, at Portage la Prairie, went overseas May 1, 1902. Returned August 15, 1902. Married December 22, 1909, at Winnipeg, to Martha Jane Carson: Their children are Leonard, Olivé, Joseph, Mary, Arnold, Mildred and Alverna. Mr. Dell came to Lakeside on June 8, 1887, via oxen and Red River cart at the age of 12 years. Built a house 5 miles south of Langruth in 1889, later moving on a homestead, now occupied by Tom Thordarson. In 1921 Mr. Dell bought a farm east of Langruth, later moving to Winnipeg.

#### PTE. JACKSON, MARTIN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson. Born March 22, 1878, at Worchestershire, England. Enlisted at Winnipeg, 1901. Went overseas in 1901, served in England and Africa. Returned 1903. Married Evelyn Robertshaw on Oct. 24, 1907. Their children are, Frank, Cecil, James, Mary, William (deceased), Harry (deceased), George, Edith and Alan. Farmed in the community before and after enlisting. Came to the Langruth district in 1892 and resided here until his death, February 21, 1947.

#### WARREN, ARTHUR

#### VETERANS WORLD WAR I

#### PTE. ALFRED, JULIUS

Son of Jon and Rannveig Alfred, Langruth. Born in Winnipeg, July 14, 1891. Enlisted in January, 1915. Fought at Ameins, Cambrai, Somme. Returned to Canada in April, 1919. Married Karolina Tomasson. Their children are Leo, Stephan and Isabella.

#### PTE. ALFRED, KRISTJAN

Son of Jon and Rannveig Alfred, Langruth. Born January 3, 1897, at Winnipeg. Enlisted in May, 1916. Went overseas shortly afterwards. Married Gudlaug Erlendson, at Winnipeg, December 22, 1925. They have two children, Gudjon and Valgerdur. The family now resides at Lonely Lake.

#### CPL. ARNASON, PAUL

Son of Pall and Halldora Arnason. Born December 2, 1894, at Bru, Man. Enlisted June 1, 1918, with the Fort Garry Horse Regiment. Returned to Canada in June, 1919. Married Bertha Kaprasiuson. Their children are Hjortur, Olivia, Kristjan and Norman John.

#### ABNASON, THORBERGUR

Son of Bjarni and Gudveig Arnason. Born February 26, 1894. Enlisted on April 1, 1918.

#### BENSON, BALDUR

Parents, Bjorn and Sigridur Benson. Enlisted in 1918.

#### BENSON, BJORNSTERNE

Son of Bjorn and Sigridur Benson, Langruth. Born March 1, 1900. Enlisted on May 6, 1918. Went overseas a week later. Returned on June 1, 1919.

#### BENSON, KARI

Son of Bjorn and Sigridur Benson. Born on April 11, 1889. Enlisted in June, 1918, and went overseas. Returned on July 1, 1919.

#### BENSON, KRISTIAN

Son of Bjorn and Sigridur Benson, Langruth, Man. Born on November 4th, 1886. Enlisted in December, 1915, going overseas in 1916. Fought at Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, Cambrai, etc., was wounded twice. Returned in May, 1919.

#### BENTLEY, JAMES

Born in England in 1886, and joined the Imperial Army in December, 1907. His regiment was the 10th Royal Hussars. After training in Ireland he was sent to India to join his regiment. After three and a half years in India they went to Africa and were stationed there until the First World War broke out in 1914. He went to Belgium in August, 1914, and was wounded in October of the same year. After nine weeks in hospital he was again sent to France in January, 1915, and stayed there until his discharge in February, 1919. After three and a half years in England he came to Canada in March, 1924, and settled in the Hollywood district. In September, 1927, he married Mrs. Mabel Watkins, of London, England. They now reside in Langruth They have one son, Oliver.

#### BIARNARSON, KARL

Son of Sigfus and Gudfinna Bjarnarson, was born on January 4, 1893, at Churchbridge, Sask. Enlisted with the 223rd Battalion on April 11, 1918, going overseas on April 1, 1918. Fought at Canal Du Nord, Cambrai, and Bourbon Wood, where he was wounded. Returned to Canada on April 3, 1919. Married Lillian Claughton and they have two daughters, Gudfinna and Jacobina.

#### BJARNARSON, VALDIMAR

Son of Sigfus and Gudfinna Bjarnarson, was born on July 23, 1897. Enlisted with the 223rd Battalion on March 15, 1916, going overseas on April 23, 1917. Fought at Passchendaele, Amiens, Arras, Cambrai, Bourbon Wood and Mons. Went to Bonn, Germany. Returned to Canada on May 26, 1919. Married Margaret Polson and they have two children, June (Mrs. J. Robertshaw), and Wallace.

#### BJORNSON, BJORN

Son of Ivar and Anna Bjornson, was born in 1899. Enlisted in the spring of 1917.

#### BJARNASON, THORBERGUR' HARALDUR

Son of Egill and Gudveig Egilson, was born on February 26, 1894. Enlisted in April. 1918.

#### BUCHAN, ALEXANDER

Regimental No. 23512

Son of Jane Kidd and James Buchan, was born at Aberdeenshire, Scotland, July 6, 1897. Enlisted on July 6, 1916, at Aberdeen, going overseas in September, 1916. Served in France and Belgium, was with the Army of Occupation in Germany for eight months, was demobilized in September, 1919. Came to Canada in January, 1920. Married Ethel Raincock on December 25, 1925, at Portage la Prairie. They have three children, Betty, Noreita and Charles.

#### CHRISTIANSON, BJORN

Son of Gestur and Jona Bjornson, was born on October 23, 1892. Enlisted with the 223rd Battalion, April 1, 1916. For bravery at the Battle of Passchendaele he received the Military Medal. Returned to Canada on May 1, 1919. Married Ingibjorg Eyvindson, they had four children, John, Arden, Conrad and Hope. After the loss of his wife, Bjorn married Oluf Eyvindson. They live at Portage la Prairie.

#### CADOO, JOHN NORMAN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Cadoo of Lakeland, Man. Was born January 26, 1897. Enlisted on May 7, 1918, at Winnipeg, but on account of ill health was not sent overseas. Married Frances Nagorna on July 21, 1941, at Gladstone. They have two children, Norman and Raymond.

#### DOAR, WILLIAM

Was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Doar of Stanton, by Hale, Derbyshire, England. He was educated at Risley Latin school. Went to the U.S.A. in 1911. In 1914, when the First World War began he came to Canada, and enlisted at Portage la Prairie in the 1st M.M.R.S. Later joining the 32nd Battalion. Went overseas in March, 1915, and was transferred to the 2nd Battalion and saw action until 1918, when the war ended. In May, 1919, he returned to Canada and received his discharge at Kingston, Ont. He was awarded the Military Medal and Bar for gallantry in action. He settled in the Langruth district where he has since resided with his wife, nee Sigurlin Joenson, whom he married in 1930. They have two daughters, Irene and Louise.

#### EASTMAN, GESTUR

Son of Bjarni and Gudridur Eastman. Enlisted in March, 1917. Went overseas in June 1917. Returned to Canada in January, 1919. Married Primrose Thompson. Their children are Margaret, Iris, Alistair and Opal.

#### ERLENDSON, VALDIMAR

Son of Erlendur and Margret Erlendson, was born on April 17, 1895. Enlisted with the 184th Battalion on March 9, 1916, was transferred to the 223rd Battalion, went overseas on May 3, 1917. Returned to Canada on May 7, 1919. Married Wilhelmina Haney in April, 1947.

#### EYJOLFSON, SIGURION

Son of Johannes and Kristin Joenson, was born in 1895. Enlisted in 1916.

#### FINNBOGASON, JOHN

Son of Sigurdur and Thora Finnbogason, was born on Dec. 5, 1892. Enlisted in the spring of 1916. Married Kristlaug Valdimarson.

#### FINNBOGASON, THORARIN

Son of Sigurdur and Thora Finnbogason, was born August 22, 1896. Enlisted April 14, 1916, with the 223rd Battalion, going overseas on April 23, 1917. Fought at Lens, Passchendaele, Amiens and at Arras, where he was wounded. Returned to Canada on December 7, 1918. Married Hazel Cooper, they have three children, Thora, Joan and Sigurdur.

#### FITZSIMMONS, GEORGE

#### FREED. GEORGE

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Freed of England, was born in 1883, at East Hendrick, Berkshire, England. Enlisted in 1916 at Lethbridge, Alta. Went overseas same year, returned to Canada in 1919. He served in France, was wounded at the Battle of the Somme. Service unit Royal Canadian Regiment.

#### GIBBINGS, PERCIVAL

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gibbings, was born on April 25, 1897, at Devonshire, England. Enlisted in January, 1918, at Brandon. Went overseas in May, 1918, and was sent to France where he was wounded in August, same year, going back to France in November, 1918. Returned to Canada in March, 1919. Married Hilda Baker, at Portage la Prairie, in 1920. They have six children, Bill, John, Herbert, Marjorie, Gladys and Gordon.

#### GARRIOCH, RODERICK CHARLES

Son of Albert and Caroline Garrioch, was born at Kinosota, on August 30, 1895. Enlisted on February 25, 1916, at Winnipeg, and went overseas with the 107th Battalion. On July 28, 1919, he returned to Canada and received his discharge. On December 24, 1919, he married Martha Esther Anderson, at Gladstone. They have five children, Garland, Dorothy (Mrs. F. Ross), Clifford, Earl and Robert.

#### GOODMANSON, GUNNLAUGUR

Son of Ragnheidur and Thorhallur Goodmanson.

#### HALL, MATTHEW RICHARD

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hall, was born on September 10, 1900, at Portage la Prairie. Enlisted with the Strathcona Horse on May 21, 1917. Married V. Olive Crealock and they have three children, Joyce, Shirley and Barry.

#### HANNESON, TRYGGVI

Son of Arni and Gudrun Hanneson, was born on August 11, 1891, at Church-bridge, Sask. He enlisted in the Royal Air Force on March 4, 1918, trained at Long Branch, Ont. Discharged in spring of 1919. Married Jona Alfred.

#### HARDING, CHARLES

Regimental No. 1000370

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Harding, was born on May 16, 1873, at Elstow, England. Enlisted at Gladstone, Man., on January 14, 1916, with the 226th Battalion. Went overseas on September 10, 1916. Served in England and France with the 44th Battalion. Returned to Canada on February 17, 1919. Married Gudrun Jonason on October 28, 1924, at Portage la Prairie. They have one son, Lawrence.

#### HELGASON, ARNI SOFFANIAS

Son of Joseph and Gudrun Helgason, was born on July 1, 1884, at Bru, Man. Enlisted with the 184th Battalion on February 29, 1916. Went overseas on April 19, 1917. Fought at Passchendaele and Amiens, being wounded twice. Returned to Canada on January 20, 1919. Married Jonasina Goodman. They had one daughter, Sylvia.

#### HJALTDAL, PAUL

Son of Sumarlidi and Sigridur Hjaltdal, was born on February 5, 1900. Enlisted in 1916. Went overseas in May, 1917. Returned to Canada on June 1, 1919.

#### HJALTDAL, THORARIN

Son of Sumarlidi and Sigridur Hjaltdal, was born on April 28, 1898. Enlisted on March 13, 1916. Fought at Passchendael and Vimy Ridge, where he was wounded. He returned to Canada on June 14, 1918.

#### HOLMES, E. ALEXANDER

Regimental No. 258795

Son of William and Mary Molmes, was born on December 25, 1886, at Chatsworth, Ont. Enlisted at Regina with the 22nd Motor Machine Corps., on March 17, 1917, going overseas on April 1, 1917. Returned to Canada on August 19, 1919. Married Maria Jonason on June 6, 1922. They have two children, Alice and Gordon

#### INGIMUNDARSON, THORSTEINN

Son of Bjarni and Gudrun Ingimundarson, was born on August 25, 1895. Enlisted on July 30, 1918. Married Sigrun Arnason. They have two boys, Ronald and Mark.

#### ISFELD, ADALSTEINN

Son of Einar and Jonina Isfeld, was born on August 11, 1897. Enlisted on May 3, 1918. Went overseas in June, 1918. Returned on July 1, 1919. Married Margret Jonason.

#### ISFELD, EIRIKUR

Son of Einar and Jonina Isfeld, was born at Bru, in 1894. Enlisted in May, 1918, at Winnipeg. Married Helga Johnson on September 7, 1929. They have two children, Carol and Osborne,

#### KJARTANSON, THORLEIFUR

Son of Gunnar and Groa Kjartanson. Born 1891. Enlisted on May 30, 1918. Married Margret Kjartanson.

#### JAMES, WILLIAM

Was born in Birmingham, England, 1898. He enlisted at an early age and saw service all through the four years, was badly wounded, spending several weeks in hospital. His father and five brothers were all killed in service. He came to Canada after the war and worked for farmers in the Hollywood district for some years, later at Lakeland. He is not married, and now resides at Oakville.

#### JOHNSON, GUDBRANDUR

Son of Olafur and Sigthrudur Johnson. Born September 5, 1889. Enlisted April 1, 1916.

#### IOHNSON, GUDMUNDUR

Son of Olafur and Sigthrudur Johnson, was born in 1881. Enlisted April 1, 1916. Married Thorun Bjornson.

#### JOHNSON, FRIDLUNDUR

Son of Jon and Asa Johnson. Born December 1, 1864. Enlisted March 4, 1916. Went overseas April 23, 1917, returning to Canada in March, 1919.

#### JOHNSON, JONAS K.

Son of Bodvar and Gudrun Johnson, was born September 14, 1895. Enlisted May 17, 1918, went overseas in July, 1918, returned to Canada on June 24, 1919.

#### JOHNSON, MAGNUS

Son of Gisli and Gudny Johnson, was born April 10, 1887. Enlisted in May, 1918. Married Ingibjorg Isfeld. They have three children, Grace (Mrs. Heavener), Clifford and Violet (Mrs. R. E. Grant).

#### LYNGHOLT, OLAFUR

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyngholt, for a few years of Langruth.

#### MATTHEWS, EARL

Son of Fred and Maud Matthews.

#### MATTHEWS, GORDON

Son of Fred and Maud Matthews. Born November 14, 1895. Was the first boy from Langruth to enlist. Enlisted in 1914. Was wounded in 1915, returned to Canada in 1916. Married Elizabeth Griffith. They had three children, Philip, Rosemary and Alistair.

#### McDONALD, GEORGE

#### McDONALD, BERT

#### McLAUGHLIN, CHARLES WILLIAM

-- Regimental-No.- 2382755-

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William McLaughlin, was born September 19, 1893, at Mount Forrest. Enlisted at Winnipeg, went overseas in June, 1917, with 18th Reserve Battalion. Returned to Canada on June 24, 1919. Married Elizabeth Jean Ross, June 28, 1924, at Killarney. They had one son, Robert James.

#### MILNE, JOHN

#### MOFFAT, KELSO

#### NORDAL, EINAR

Son of Gudny and the late Gudmundur Nordal, was born January 5, 1895, at Cold Springs, Man. Enlisted May 23, 1918, at Winnipeg. Was medically unfit for overseas service. Guarded German prisoners of war in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Discharged January 31, 1919. Married Flora Monkman, they have eleven children, Helga, John, Victor, Paul, Katherine, Bertha, Margaret Rose, Arthur, Kenneth, Allan and Florence. They live at Lundar, Man.

#### NORDAL, JON

Son of Gudny and the late Gudmundur Nordal. Enlisted in March, 1917. Went overseas in June, 1917.

#### OLAFSON, GUDMUNDUR

Son of Ingimundur and Katrin Olafson. Born March 19, 1899. Enlisted March 1, 1916, going overseas April 23, 1917, was wounded and returned home December 27, 1918.

#### OVERHOLT, FRED

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#### OLAFSON, INGIMUNDUR

#### **OLAFSON, THOMAS**

Son of Ingimundur and Katrin Olafson.

#### OLIVER, THORGILS

Son of Thorsteinn and Sigridur Thorsteinson. Born May 30, 1873. Enlisted March 14, 1916. Married Sigridur Halldorson.

#### RICHARDS, ARTHUR

#### ROBERTSHAW, EDWIN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robertshaw of the Lakeside district. Born at Portage la Prairie. Enlisted with 226th Battalion, drafted to 44th Battalion in France. Was in battles of Vimy Ridge, Hill Seventy, and Passchendaele. Returned to Canada in February, 1918, badly gassed and shell-shocked. Died in September, 1922.

#### ROBERTSHAW, HARRY

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robertshaw. Born at Addingham, Man. Enlisted with 203rd Battalion, drafted to 44th Battalion in France. Was in the battles of Lens and Passchendaele. Married Ida Foster of Keyes, Man. Had three children, Ally, Foster and Harry. Was killed accidentally in October, 1926.

#### ROBERTSHAW, HERBERT

Son of Mr. ad Mrs. Thomas Robertshaw. Born at Addingham, Man. Enlisted in March, 1916, with the 107th Battalion. Was in the battles of Vimy Ridge, Hill Seventy and Passchendaele. Returned to Canada in May, 1918. Married Myrtle Wild of Westbourne, Man. They have four children, Ruth, Norman, Barry and Marie.

#### BOBERTSHAW, STANLEY

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robertshaw. Born at Lakeside, Man., in 1898. Enlisted in 1918, but owing to his youth was not sent overseas. He married Vida Armstrong in 1920. They have six children: Gordon, Ivan, Doris, James, Anne and Joan.

#### ROBERTSHAW, WILLIAM

Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Robertshaw. Born at Addingham, Man. Enlisted August 1, 1914, with Motorcycle Corps. One of the first Canadians to land in France. Was promoted to Lieutenant early in 1917. Returned to Canada and now living in Los Angeles.

#### ROBERTS, ROBERT

Son of Ellis and Sarah Alice Roberts. Born at Chester, Cheshire, England, January 21, 1873, going overseas in 1916. Went to France where he served for two years, then discharged on account of illness in 1918. Private Roberts died in Deer Lodge Hospital on his 70th birthday, January 21, 1943.

### RESELL, FRANK

Was born in London, England, and came to Canada as a young man. He enlisted in 1915 and went overseas with the R.C.A.M.C. He was wounded in 1916, and returned to Canada. He settled with his family in the Hollywood district, where he farmed until his death. His son, Francis, carries on the farm.

#### STRONG, JOSEPH

Son of John and Hannah Strong. Was born at Carlyle, England, in 1882. He came to Canada with his father in 1892 and settled at Lakeside, where the family lived until the father died in 1901. He enlisted in the 8th Battalion on August 25, 1914, was wounded three times and returned to Canada in 1918. Married Ellen Jane Harbottle, at Carlyle, in February, 1918. They have one daughter and four sons, two of whom went overseas in the last great war.

#### STRONG, THOMAS

Son of John Strong and his second wife. Was born at Carlyle, England, in 1888. He came to Canada with his parents in 1892, and settled with them at Lakeside. Enlisted with the 184th Battalion in March, 1916, was wounded at Passchendaele, then joined the Forestry Battalion in England and remained there until the war ended, when he returned to Canada and was discharged. He settled in the Airdale district. Married Alice Garrioch and they have three children.

#### SVEINBJORNSON, THORVARDUR

Son of Sveinbjorn and Margret Thordarson. Born March 21, 1889. Enlisted with the Lord Strathcona Horse on January 1, 1915. Went overseas June 23, 1915, returning to Canada June 2, 1919. Enlisted in World War II and served as a guard of German prisoners in Alberta.

#### THOMPSON, JOHANN ARNOR

Son of Bjarni and Anna Thompson, was born January 12, 1899. Enlisted April 2, 1917, in the 223rd Battalion. Went overseas April 23, 1917, and to France on March 20. Was in an accident and sent to England, returning to Canada January 5, 1919. Married Elin Valdimarson.

#### THORSTEINSON, THORSTEINN

Son of Asmundur and Ragnheidur Thorsteinson. Born at Birch Island. Enlisted March 14, 1916, going overseas April 23, 1917. Returned to Canada April 3, 1919.

#### VALDIMARSON, VALDIMAR

Son of David and Gudbjorg Valdimarson. Born October 25, 1897, at Big Point. Enlisted with the 223rd Battalion April 12, 1916, going overseas in 1917. At Passchendaele he was wounded, returned to Canada December 23, 1918. Married Victoria McInnes.

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#### WILSON, HAROLD D.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson. Born June 19, 1891, at Norfolk, England. Enlisted December 1, 1914, at Winnipeg, with the 32nd Battalion, then transferred to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Division. Went overseas in February, 1915. Served in Belgium, France and Germany. Returned to Canada in May, 1919. Married Margaret Allardyce November 4, 1920, at Portage la Prairie. They have two children, Edith and Roger.

#### WARREN, JOHN

Lived at Langruth and enlisted from there in the 184th Battalion, Went overseas in 1916. Returned in 1919 and settled with his wife, the former Lily Miller, in Winnipeg. They have two sons.

# ÇANADA'S WAR

C. L. Connell

In looking up material for this article I came across the words of Bruce Hutchison, quoted from "The Unknown Country." "For we are young, my brothers, and full of doubt, and we have listened too long to timid men. But now our time is come and we are ready."

Canada achieved nation-hood during the Second World War, both by fact and by deed. Her contribution to the war effort was tremendous, and that and the fact that our leaders were being looked upon almost as elder statesmen in international discussions made it imperative that we acknowledge ourselves as Canadians. It was fitting that the first man to receive citizenship papers should be the First Citizen of the Country—Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King.

During the between war period Canadian governments insisted on being informed and consulted on all questions of Empire policy, but refused to accept any commitments to the British Empire, although it was quite apparent that Canada could not actually remain neutral if the Mother Country again became involved in a general European War. Nevertheless, when war did break out, Parliament was reconvened to make a formal declaration of war, September 10, 1939, against Germany and her satellites. And so it was that a man who sincerely believed in peace was destined to guide our policies during war.

Canada was poorly prepared to give aid to the Empire. Her per capita expenditures for national defence had been the lowest in the whole Commonwealth although it had risen to a figure of over 27 millions in 1935-36 and in succeeding years substantial additions were made to this

After the Munich crises, "eleventh" hour plans were made to mobilize Canadian industries and make the Dominion an "Empire Arsenal." During the first phase of the war, Canada took over the task of defending Newfoundland and Labrador, of furnishing war supplies, providing for home defence, and training air crew for the entire Commonwealth. However, little was done to tool up Canadian industry, and as late as May, 1940, the Canadian Munitions Ministry reported that British industry still refused to send designs and formulae to Canada. This was eventually, of course, to be altered.

The Dominion was, however, busy building up an army and within a year 55,000 men had been sent abroad for service in Iceland, Newfoundland and England. Military headquarters in Great Britain were headed by Maj. Gen. H. D. G. Crerar and Maj. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton commanded the First Canadian Division overseas.

By February, 1941, the period for military training had been extended from one month to four months. Besides her active army and militia Canada organized the veterans into a body to do guard duty within the country.

In May, 1940, seven destroyers of the Canadian Navy sailed to help The property of the second of

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England in her desperate effort of patrolling the English Channel against invasion. Canadian shippards began turning out merchant ships, and small boats for the navy, such as mine sweepers, patrol boats and corvettes. The corvette was especially effective in anti-submarine effort.

The Dominion's greatest war effort has been the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Approximately one-fifth of the men were to come from Australia and New Zealand, but the vast majority of trainees were Canadians. Training schools were established, air fields were constructed, and the training staff was recruited primarily from the R.C.A.F. and civilian flying instructors. Many of the planes used were of American construction but in time Canadian aircraft factories supplied us. Eventually, Lancaster bombers were built, flown to England where they were used in "ops." I well remember how honoured we were in 419 squadron to be the first to use bombers produced in Canada. And they were good, too!

The Canadian industrial tempo increased. Vast quantities of American tools were brought in to tool up our factories. Sixteen shipyards built corvettes and mine sweepers. There was a steady increase in the production of airplane bodies, automobiles, trucks and tanks, machine guns, rifles and larger guns. One of the largest and most modern gun plants in the British Empire is in Canada. The government created a number of new companies, which are really government owned, but staffed by business men.

In February, 1941, half of Canada's national income went to the Canadian government. Our war loans were always over-subscribed, and a considerable sale of war savings certificates increased our income. The passage of the unemployment insurance act meant more funds as the collections were re-invested in war bonds.

The mettle of Canadian soldiers was to be tried at Dieppe. On August 19, 1942, the allies made a daring test of enemy strength. The task was assigned to the Commandos, led by Lord Mountbatten. Its members were chosen especially for their strength, their ability, their intelligence, and their will power. The majority of these troops were British subjects, many of them Canadians. It was a test tube experiment, brilliant but costly. Taking part in this exploit were men from regiments familiar to Western Canada—The Royal Regiment, The South Saskatchewans, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, and the Essex Scottish.

Geographically almost on the opposite side of the world Canadians took part in another heroic effort. Our own Winnipeg Grenadiers fought valiantly to save Hong Kong but it fell on Christmas Day, 1941.

On July 10, 1943, Sicily was invaded by Canadian, American and British troops. The first great battle in this Italian campaign was the landings on the beachhead at Salerno. The land of the Caesars was to become one of the bloodiest battle-grounds in all history.

On June 6, 1944, D-Day, American, British and Canadian troops, aided by thousands of ships and planes, landed in France. Canadian troops were soon to take part in the battle for Caen—a name also very familiar to our airmen. By September, Anglo-Canadian troops were holding almost the entire line of the Seine, west of Paris. On November 30, the Canadian First Army invaded Germany from the Nijmegen area in Holland.

A month later was to come the battle of the Bulge. In an immense

counter-attack between Malinedy and Wiltz they pushed out a great blunt wedge. Every arm the allies possessed was being thrown into the fight. The Germans had planned their attack for a spell of bad weather but this did not stop the bombers and fighters. Challenging the weather they took to the air. Then the weather broke and they came out in full force. Although, it may not be in the best taste, I would like to repeat a story of the "Bulge." General McAuliffe had been called upon by the Germans to surrender. His Characteristic American answer was: "Nuts." The officer charged with delivering the message was queried by the Germans as to what it meant. To McAuliffe's intense enjoyment, his messenger replied to the Germans: "It means—to go to hell!"

On May 8, President Truman announced the surrender of the German armies and on September 2, the Japanese signed formal surrender documents on board the U.S.S. Missouri.

Thus had come to an end a war in which Canadians had played a valight part.

I think it is fitting that I should close with the words of Winston Churchill. Words sent in a congratulatory message to our prime minister on the 25th anniversary of his leadership of the Liberal party. "Yet never, perhaps, has this country held Canada in higher esteem than in these last five years of bitter conflict, during which she has played so splendid a part in the now imminent overthrow of the powers of evil."

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# WORLD WAR II, 1939-1945

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The Great War of 1939-45, involving as it did the military might and the industrial resources of all the major powers on earth, will be the subject of study for future historians. Events of this war have been too recent to be viewed in their true perspective, furthermore, for security reasons many facts were withheld during the war and even yet are not fully known. In this brief discussion, therefore, little aftempt will be made of appraisal or interpretation, and only perfunctory analysis of the principles underlying the main issues.

Examining the factors that contributed to world developments of the first forty years of the twentieth century, we find that the "Enlightenment" of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries was waning, giving place to a new "Disillusionment" in the 1930's. Mechanization of industry and agriculture resulted in the individual being swallowed up in society, making him a ready made product of mass education, of mass journalism, mass sport and recreation. The consequence was a reaction against Democracy, that thrived on individual initiative and judgment, and an establishment in central and eastern Europe of a new order — dictatorship. Economic liberalism was gradually curtailed, followed by the suppression of personal liberty in the Communist and Fascist countries. Arbitrary arrest and imprisonment, restrictive regulations, mounting intolerance of internal dissent, anti-semitism, and an attempt to govern individual thought and behaviour, and control individual conscience, became the policy of governments.

Despite the operation of the League of Nations there was no evidence that nations were beating their swords into ploughshares or in any material way, lessening the causes or occasions for armed conflict. The question therefore uppermost in the minds of intelligent observers everywhere was not whether another world war would come, but rather, when it would come.

In Germany and Italy the systems of wholesale control of public thought and opinion created a political machine regimented and operated by a few fanatics, who framed their domestic and international policy with no regard for God or man. Scientific development made easy the creation of a war machine, the equal of which heretofore, the world had never seen, and a testing ground was found in the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39. Italy and Germany had entered into an open accord in 1936 in the so-called Rome-Berlin Axis. It was a natural consequence of their close relationship during the Ethiopian War, their common disdain of the League of Nations, and their common repugnance of France and Britain and the form of democracy represented by them. From testing ground to actual act of armed aggression was but a short step, and the occasion for war was quickly found and the world was plunged into a conflict that the succession of events had made difficult to avoid.

In August of 1939 Hitler demanded of Poland the return of the city of Danzig and the right to build a highway through the Polish Corridor to East Prussia. Poland flatly refused and the Nazi legions invaded the country on September first. Poland in her appeal for allies met with the ready co-operation of the ministers of France and Britain who had been bitterly

dissillusioned at Munich. Both France and Britain delivered a stern warning to Germany upon her act of aggression and when it was contemptuously ignored, declared war upon her on September third. The British Commonwealth of Nations, being in accord on all treaties of non-aggression undertaken by the mother country, followed her example and declared war upon Germany almost immediately.

The German Blitzkrieg annihilated Poland's defences in three weeks, and the frontiers were adjusted by Germany and Russia according to a preconceived plan, and thirty-five million Poles were subjected to the terrors of occupation.—Hard-on-the heels of this act, Russia demanded strategic bases from Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Finland. Upon Finland's refusal to give up any of the Karelian Isthmus the Russians invaded the country. After four months of fighting the gallant Finns finally submitted:

The Western front was almost completely inactive in 1939, the Allies confining their efforts to the blockade of Germany by sea. The Germans, however, were busy preparing to extend their conquests, and in April, 1940, they suddenly fell upon Norway and Denmark and established their control with such lightning rapidity that little effective aid could be given these countries. The German position was immeasurably strengthened by these advances. They now controlled the entrance to the Baltic, and from the Norwegian seaboard of the North Sea they could launch attacks on British shipping and sea lanes.

In May, 1940, Holland was over-run, and the Germans broke through at Sedan, putting the Allied forces in a precarious predicament. With the surrender of the Belgian army the evacuation of the British and Allied forces became imperative. This epochal evacuation was carried out successfully when more than three hundred thousand soldiers were snatched from the very jaws of death or surrender:

On June twenty-first, 1940, France capitulated and Great Britain stood alone in Europe against what appeared overpowering odds. The darkest moment in British history had overtaken the island people, but it served only to throw into brighter relief the courageous spirit of the British nation. The hold defiance of its prime minister, Winston Churchill, served to rally all enemies of fascism and aggression against the Germans, and to the banners of freedom flocked the gallant forces of Poland, Norway, France, Czechoslovakia, Belgium and the Netherlands.

The Battle of Britain began on August 8th, 1940. The small R.A.F. though no match in numbers for the German Luftwaffe, was superior in morale and training. The result was that in the air raids the Germans lost so many planes that they abandoned large scale daylight attacks and resorted to night raids only. Despite these ferocious efforts, and the savage attacks on their vital life lines at sea, the British people stood firm.

The first Allied offensive was in Northern Africa where General Wavell scored victories at Sidi Barrani. Tobruk, and Benghazi. This was followed by victories in the Mediterranean where the Italian fleet was severely damaged. Germany realizing her need of oil, raw material and food supplies, and resolved upon securing her own back door, invaded Russia without warning in June, 1941. At about the same time General Rommel had taken command of the German forces in Libya and recaptured Benghazt, and threatened Tobruk.

In Russia the invaders, though advancing, were harrassed by guerilla attacks behind their own lines and were becoming increasingly aware of the vastness of the country and its power to absorb their most violent thrusts.

President Roosevelt sensing the participation of the U.S.A. in the war, speeded up as much as possible, aid through Lend-Lease to both Britain and Russia. To protect this ever growing stream of supplies, Britain armed her merchant vessels and increased the efficiency of her armed escort for her convoys. The fight raged with equal ferocity in the North Atlantic that it did on the plains of the Soviet Union.

The signing of the Atlantic Charter in August, 1941, bound the United States more closely to the allied cause, and the unwarranted Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7th immediately precipitated the American entry into the struggle.

Japan's rapid advance along the China coast and in the Pacific posed an immediate threat to Australia and India. The Allied defences in the Pacific were reorganized and the victories of the American fleet in this area soon proved the tide had turned.

On the Russian front in 1942 the fiercest fighting centred around Stalingrad. The German advances in Africa were halted at El Alamein and the approaches to Alexandria remained secure. By January, 1943, the Allies commenced their offensive on this front, and Rommel's units were driven back beyond Tripoli.

The continuous pattern of bombing raids on the continent carried out without interruption, and the successful Russian offensive, gave evidence of the turning of the tide in favor of the Allied cause. In North Africa too, the Axis forces were smashed and the mop up operations completed in the late spring of 1943. The resistance of the enemy was further weakened by day and night raids on the great industrial cities of the Rhur, and on Hamburg and Essen and other great manufacturing centres.

The first entry into Western Europe by the Allies was made into Italy by way of Sicily in July, 1943. American, British and Canadian forces participated. This pressure resulted in the collapse of the Mussolini government, and in an Armistice in September, which put the Italian forces out of the war and arranged for the surrender of the Italian fleet.

The year, 1943 also saw the turning point in the Far East Campaign. The vigorous aggressive policy of the Americans in this Pacific theatre slowly pressed the Japanese back. The victories were costly, but their value was increased by the damage delivered to Japanese face and prestige. The Japanese too felt the increasing power of resistance of the Chinese whose military resources and supplies were being bolstered by Allied aid.

The conferences held by Allied leaders in Quebec, Moscow, Cairo and Teheran, and the organization of U.N.R.R.A. was a guarantee by the Allies of the obligations they were prepared to accept towards the territories they were hoping soon to liberate.

In the early months of 1944, bombing operations by the Allies were stepped up, causing tremendous destruction of factories in Germany and a resulting fall off in vital enemy fighter production. On the Russian front the Soviet armies advanced into the Polish Ukraine and into Czecho-Slovak territory.

On June 6th, 1944, France was invaded, a western front established, and the Germans forced back to their homeland suffering severe losses.

In the last months of the war in Europe the worst terror weapon used by the Germans was the flying bomb. Tremendous damage was done to the city of London and to Southern England.

By the end of August, 1944, the Battle of France was almost over. The swift and brilliant victories executed under the direction of General Montgomery were the fruits of the careful planning of the Allied High Command, under General Eisenhower.

Harried from all sides, the Germans were being driven back into their homeland taking refuge behind the Siegfried Line, the Vosges Mountains and the water barriers of Holland and Belgium. Airborne divisions enabled the Allies to advance across the rivers Maas, Waal and the Lek, and to clear the Scheldt estuary. The tremendous problem of providing food for the liberated peoples became the task of U.N.R.R.A.

In October a co-ordinated attack in the East and West staggered the German defences. The armies of the allies prepared for the final sweep to Berlin. The plans for the German surrender were made at Yalta by Mr. Churchill, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Stalin.

In April and May of 1945 the Russians captured Vienna, and Berlin came under direct assault. The defeat of the German armies was quickly followed by the collapse of the home front. Hitler and Goebbels committed suicide, and Donitz, acting Fuhrer, ordered the unconditional surrender of all German armed forces. This was carried out on May 7th, 1945.

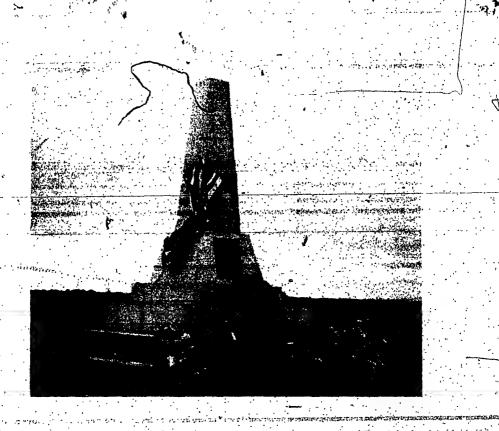
Meanwhile as the last phase of the European struggle was drawing to a close, Japan faced the dark prospect of the concentrated Allied might against her. In China a greater stream of supplies was being maintained for the Chinese forces, British troops under Admiral Mountbatten operating in Burma succeeded in removing any threat to India. The Americans in the Pacific brought war ever nearer to the Japanese people by the capture of the Marianas; Saipan and Guam and by long range bombing of Japan /itself. Despite these successes it was evident that by the persistence and ferocity of the Japanese resistance everywhere that the road to ultimate victory was going to be a hard one.

During the Spring and Summer of 1945 the British and Americans relentlessly tightened their ring around Japan. It was in these last months that the bitterest fighting of the war took place. The island of Okinawa that links the chain of Japanese islands with Formosa, was the scene of the bloodiest conflict. When it was captured in June, the direct assault on the Japanese mainland began

The end came with the terrifying release of the atom bombs upon the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Against this new terror no nation could stand, and Japan surrendered unconditionally. The terms were accepted on August 14th, 1945.

So ended the most devastating war in all history. Its consequences were felt in the suffering of untold millions. Its lesson to mankind reiterated the urgent need for peaceful settlement of differences of nations, the alternative of which would be a terror little short of the complete the alternative of which would be a terror little short of the complete annihilation of World Civilization.

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# WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

One of the never-to-be-forgotten events in the history of our community was the unveiling of the cenotaph which stands on the main thoroughfare of our town. It is built of granite with a bronze plaque on which is inscribed the names of the fifteen men who paid the supreme sacrifice. Our cenotaph was unveiled on Sunday, September 28th, 1947.

The service was in charge of Hon. Captain P. C. Bays, who is now the Padre of our Legion Branch. He was assisted by Mr. Murray Pippy, student minister of Langruth United Church. The Padre said at this service: "To-day you are about to unveil a monument of stone that will remind you of those who have wrought a great deliverance, that will remind you of those who gave at they had, even life itself. This monument will remind you of a million British dead, it will remind you of two wars. We shall remember to-day, and as long as this monument stands of men who went from these shores never to return again, and those who did return, some of them blinded and scarred for life. Our freedom was bought at a terrific price, in cruelty, tyranny and suffering of the very worst kind. We live in a free country to-day because of the men whom we remember on this day.

"But more important still, this monument which we are going to dedicate must stand as a reminder of something else—that this terrible curse of war must not happen again. They say there can be no end to war, I don't believe that. Phey said that there can be no end to slavery, and yet there was, because men and women were willing to fight and die to wipe it out. We have the way to rid the world of war, and that way is through Jesus Christ, who said, I am the way, the truth and the life. He stands to day as He has stood all through the ages as our Guide to a better and happier civilization."

The large congregation then gathered around the cenotaph in wind and rain, which was very fitting as we were about to dedicate something to men who had endured much more than the trials of the weather. We sang the old hymn, "Eternal Father strong to save." This was followed by the unveiling and dedication of the cenotaph by the Padre. Wreaths were reverently placed at the foot of the cenotaph. Then this large and attentive concourse of people stood with bared heads as "The Silence" was observed. This was broken by the sounding of the Last Post and the Reveille by trumpets from the Elks Band. The service then closed with the singing of the hymn, "O God our help in ages past" and the benediction. The names inscribed on the bronze plaque on the front of the cenotaph are:

1914-1918—V. Bjornson, J. Burford, H. H. Hilliard, T. I. Thordarson.

1939-1945 F. J. Abel, P. M. Matthews, L. M. Allardyce, W. L. Arksey, L. A. Bjarnson, G. V. Gibson, J. A. Gray, B. Halldorson, G. C. Hatch, V. E. Isfeld, R. J. McDonald.

"Their Name Liveth Forevermore"

P. C. BAYS, Padre.

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FOR OUR BOYS WHO GAVE THEIR ALL — 1939 - 1945

Sleep in peace; with kindred ashes
Of the noble and the true,
Hands that never failed their country,
Hearts that never baseness knew.

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Life saved for self is lost, while they who lose it in His service, hold the lease of God's eternal day.

# VETERANS WORLD WAR II WHO PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

#### SGT. ABEL, FREDERICK

Son of John and the late Mrs. Abel, of London, England. Was born January 5, 1904. He came to Canada in 1933, after having served five years in the Imperial Army in India.

In November, 1938, he married Miss Eva Smith, of Winnipeg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Langruth.

Immediately after the declaration of war in September, 1939, Fred joined the Grenadiers. In 1940 he was sent to Jamaica, West Indies. A year later he came home on leave and in October, 1941, left for Hong Kong. With the fall of Hong Kong, on Christmas Day, 1942, he was taken prisoner of war.

Shortly before the close of hostilities he died. Mrs. Abel and their daughters, Sherron and Fredean, reside in Portage la Prairie.

# PTE. ALLARDYCE, LANCELOT MATTHEW



Son of Mrs. Edith Allardyce and the late John Allardyce, of Burnside, was born in Peking, China.

He was educated at Burnside and at the Agricultural College. In World War I Laddie joined the army at Winnipeg, on August 20, 1918, and was in training until May, 1919, when he was discharged.

Interested in farming, he purchased land in the Hollywood district. At the time of his enlistment he was employed in Alberta.

He took his basic training at Calgary, a member of the Calgary Highlanders. In May, 1940, he trained at Camp Shilo, and in late August went overseas, arriving at Aldershot, September 7.

On October 10, 1940, Laddie was killed at Aldershot during an Air Raid. This was the first casualty of the Langruth enlistment.

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# P.O. ARKSEY, WALTER LYNWOOD

Son of John and Maude Arksey. Was born March 14, 1923, at Langruth.

He attended North Lakeland school. In the fall of 1942 he enlisted in the Air Force at Winnipeg. He trained at Brandon, and for six weeks on the West Coast, returning east and going on to Trenton, Ont., May 31, 1943. Returning west, he continued his training at Macdonald Airport, finishing his course September 15, 1943.

On October 27 Walter left for overseas and was stationed at Bournemouth, went into action in May, 1944. The ninth of June he was made Pilot Officer.

On June 11, 1944, was reported missing. Word came on August 2 that he was presumed dead.

On January 22, 1947, Walter was posthumously awarded Operational Wings.

#### P.O. BJARNASON, ALBERT LLOYD

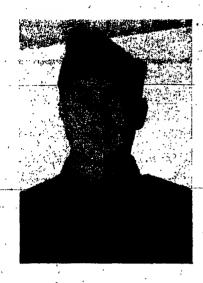
Son of Eyjolfur and Margaret Bjarnason former residents of Langruth, was born November 12, 1920, at Froude, Sask. He attended public school at St. Elmo, Sask. and high school at Langruth.

Lloyd enlisted in the Air Force in November, 1940, at Winnipeg. After his basic training at Brandon and Calgary, Alta., he was sent to Fingal and Trenton.

In April, 1942, Liloyd went overseas and was at training camps in England until the spring of 1943, when he went to the Mediterranean zone

On July 29, 1943, he was killed in action.





# PTE. FLETCHER, FRANKLIN FRED

Son of Alfred and Vina Fletcher. Was born in 1920. He joined the First Battalion Grenadiers at the outbreak of the war, serving with that regiment in Jamaica and Canada before going to Hong Kong.

Fred was a prisoner of war in Shamshupo prison camp, and 3D Camp Yokohama, being freed in 1945.

On returning to Canada he was sent to the King Edward Hospital, Winnipeg, Man., where he remained until his death in October, 1945.

#### F.O. GIBSON, GOWAN VERNÓN

Son of Erling and Sophie Gibson. Was born June 2, 1919, at Toronto, Ont.

When an infant his parents came west and took up farming north of Langruth, later moving into town.

. His childhood, with four years of schooling, was spent here. When the family moved to Winnipeg, Gowan completed public and high school. in St. James, and later turned his hobby, photography, into a vocation, until he joined the R.C.A.F. in 1940.

, His basic training was taken at Brandon, Man.; Regina, Sask., and Edmonton, Alta.

On October 24, 1941, Gowan received his commission as Pilot Officer at Dauphin, Man. A day later he was married to Gwennie M. Olson and after two weeks went overseas, remaining in England until he was sent to the Mediterranean Theatre of War. For 21 months

he saw severe action.

In Egypt, on July 11, 1943, Flying Officer Gibson paid the supreme sacrifice, was buried at Cape Bon, North Africa.



# PTE. GRAY, JOHN ALLAN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, was born at Langruth, August 1, 1921. He attended Hollywood school.

John enlisted in the army June 18, 1941, at Winnipeg, with the P.P.C.L.I. His basic training was taken at Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie. Later he transferred to the Winnipeg Grenadiers and left almost immediately for Hong Kong, where on Christmas Day, 1941, he was killed in action.

### SPR. HALLDORSON, BJARNI

Son of Bjorn and Jonina Halldorson, was born August 10, 1912, at Langruth. He attended the village school, later worked as a carpenter.

In November, 1942, Barney enlisted in the Army at Portage la Prairie, where he trained for a few months, he was then sent to Chilliwack and Vancouver, B.C. Left for overseas December 23.

He trained in England and shortly after the invasion in June, 1944, went to France taking part in the warfare leading up to Caen, there he was reported missing on August 10, 1944, and later officially presumed dead.





# P.O. HATCH, GEORGE CHARLES

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hatch, was born August 7, 1917, at Langruth. He attended the village school.

Charlie enlisted in the Air Force at Winnipeg, September, 1942. He took his basic training at Brandon, Man. In March he was posted to Trenton, Ont.; from May 31, 1943, to August he was at the Macdonald Airport from where he went overseas with the rank of Sergeant.

After several air operations he was reported missing, February 20, 1944.

#### PTE. ISFELD, EINAR VICTOR

Son of Einar and the late Jonina Isfeld, was born at Langruth, March 19, 1915. He attended public school at Big Point.

Victor enlisted in the Army at Winnipeg, November 11, 1942. He completed basic training at Portage la Prairie and at Camp Shilo, then sent to Dartmouth, N.S., for a few months and west to various points in Britsh Columbia. From Vernon, B.C., he was sent overseas.

On Christinas Day, 1944, Victor left Winnipegand arrived in Scotland early in January. He received further training in England, Belgium and Holland.

On March 13 he went into action and on March 30, 1945, was wounded, just two days after crossing the Rhips into Germany.

He did of wounds, April 6, and was laid to rest in a temporary Canadian Military Cemetery and in August, 1946, was buried in the Canadian Military Cemetary at Niqanium, Holland.

Victor married Jean Lillian Schieve, November 8, 1941, at Portage la Prairie they had one son, Dennis Victor.



# . PTE. McDONALD, ROBERT JAMES



Son of Mrs. Lillian McDonald and the late James McDonald, was born February 18, 1918, at Lakeland, Man. He attended North Lakeland School.

Bob enlisted in the Army, June 10, 1942, at Winnipeg, and trained at Camp Shilo, Man., and Fort William, Ont., then sent to the west coast to Prince George and Nariaimo, B.C. He served with the 24th Field Regiment on the Aleutian Islands, going overseas in June, 1944, with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. He saw action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany where he made the supreme sacrifice, March 5, 1945.

He was buried in Nijmegen Canadian Cemetery, at Groeshuk, Holland.

#### P.O. MATTHEWS, PHILIP M.

Son of Gordon and Elizabeth Matthews, was born at Macgregor, Man., June 22, 1920. He received his education at Langruth and at Eden Collegiate.

Philip enlisted in the Air Force in 1941 and trained at Edmonton, Calgary, Alta., and Trenton, Ont. He graduated at St. Thomas, the youngest officer to be commissioned from this school.

After a short embarkation leave, Philip went overseas in June, 1942, and served in Great Britain until he was killed on November 11, 1942, when his plane, a Halifax Bomber, crashed. He was buried at Ripon, Yorkshire, England.



Philip was a very conscientious lad of quiet disposition. He loved nature and books. His hobby was writing short stories in which he showed considerable talent and originality.

# SQUAD. LEADER TRELEAVEN, ERROL

Son of Willard T. and the late Laura Treleaven, was born at Langruth, June 1, 1916. He attended Winnipeg and Poplar Point Schools, graduating from University of Manitoba in 1938. At time of enlistment, in 1940, he was with the Great West Life Insurance Co. Training in Portage la Prairie, Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax and Aylmer, and various other parts of Canada, before leaving for overseas. He made the supreme sacrifice in the spring of 1945.

In 1942 he married Ruby Flett and they have one son, Jimmy.

# VETERANS WORLD WAR II

## PTE. ALFRED, JOHANN-STEPHAN



Son of Mrs. Karoline Alfred and the late Julius Alfred, a veteran of the First World War, was born January 30, 1921, at Langruth. Attended public school at Langruth.

Enlisted on June 11, 1941, completing basic-training at Winnipeg, then sent to Shilo. In August, 1942, Steve went overseas, training at Aldershot, Camp Sussex, Cambridge, East Grimstead and other places before crossing to France, Belgium and Holland. Steve was a Dispatch Rider.

He returned to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth, December 11, 1945, and received his discharge January 21, 1946, at Winni-

peg. He resides in Langruth.

# PTE. ALLARDYCE, JOHN WILLIAM

Son of Mrs. Edith Allardyce and the late John M. Allardyce, was born December 2, 1905, at Burnside. He attended Burnside school and Portage Collegiate.

After his enlistment on November 13, 1939, at Winnipeg, he took his basic training with the P.P.C.L.I. at Fort Osborne until December 17. After a short leave he was sent overseas and on New Year's Day, 1940, he reached England.

In June, 1943, he was sent to the Mediterranean theatre of war and on July 10 landed in Sicily. After a few days of action Bill was wounded, July 19, and was confined to hospital in Africa. In October, 1943, he returned to his unit and went through the Italian campaign until in March, 1945, he came home on rotation leave.



On June 4, 1945, Bill received his discharge at Winnipeg, later purchasing a farm near Langruth where he now resides with his wife, the former Joan Crawford, of London, England, whom he married on August 28, 1948.



# SPR. ARKSEY, ALLEN THOMAS

Son of William and Sigridur Arksey, was born January 13, 1920, at Langruth, Man. He attended Langruth school.

Allen enlisted May 20, 1941, in the R.C.E., at Portage la Prairie, and took his basic training there, later stationed at Dundurn, Sask.; Nanaimo, B.C.; Regina, and other places on the west coast. Then for a time at Woodstock and Camp Borden, Ont., Winnipeg and Camp Shilo, Man.

On January 8, 1946, he received his discharge at Winnipeg, and since has resided on his farm at Langruth. Allen married Mildred-Bosworth, of Gladstone, on October 18, 1947.

#### GNR. ARKSEY, BYRON RALPH

\* Son of William and Sigridur Arskey, was born at Langruth, July 2, 1926. He attended Langruth school.

On February 27, 1945, Byron enlisted in the Army, in the Royal Canadian Artillery, and trained at Winnipeg and Camp Shilo. With the close of hostilities, he received his discharge on July 10, 1945.





# PTE. ARKSEY, ENCIL EINAR

Son of William and Sigridur Arksey, was born February 21, 1922, at Langruth. He attended Langruth school, enlisted in the Army at M.D. 10.

Encil had his basic training in the Royal Canadian Artillery in Winnipeg, then transferred to the west coast and trained at Esquimalt, Prince Rupert, Vancouver and Victoria. He served in Canada until his discharge on June 7, 1946.

#### P.O. ARKSEY, GORDON JOHN

Son of John and Maude Arksey, was born September 18, 1921, at Langruth.—He attended North Lakeland school.

On January 10, 1943, he enlisted in the Air Force at Winnipeg and took his basic training at Brandon, Winnipeg, Man.; Trenton, Ont., and Macdonald, Man., during August and September, 1943, graduating as a Sgt. Air Gunner. After a short leave he went overseas and arrived at Bournemouth, Eng., November 9, 1943. He was at Orsington, Dalton, Wimbleton, between June and October, 1944, and completed his operational flights, in all 35 trips.

He returned to Canada on the "New Amsterdam," November 29, 1944, and received his discharge in Winnipeg on March 15, 1945.

Gordon was married September 4, 1946, to Rena Johannson and they reside on their farm in the district. They have two sons, Walter and Barry.



# A.C. ARMSTRONG, ALBERT

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, offered his services, and for a time trained for the Air Force but on account of ill health was discharged.

He was married on October 21, 1944, to Mildred Dell, and they have two sons, Ronald and Reginald.

They reside on the original farm of his parents, pioneers of Lakeside.

# GNR. ARMSTRONG, GEORGE

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, of the Lakeside district, was born August 9, 1916. He attended the Lakeland school.

Enlisted in the Artillery in 1941, in Winnipeg. Trained at Fort William, Ont.; Halifax, N.S., and on Vancouver Island, before going overseas in January, 1943.

George saw action on the Western front. He returned to Canada in the fall of 1945, and to his farm, where he resides with his wife, the former Margaret I. Connell, and their two-children, Karen and Argyle.



## ARMSTRONG, LENNIS

Son of William and Elizabeth Armstrong.

## ARMSTRONG, OLIVER

Son of William and Elizabeth Armstrong.



# STO. I. BENSON, ROBERT'S.

Son of Clifford and Annie Benson, was born at Neepawa, August 7, 1925. He received his education at Neepawa and Hollywood schools.

He enlisted in the Navy on June 2, 1944, at Winnipeg, and received his basic training at Quebec and Cornwallis, N.S. He served on H.M.C.S. "Kirkland Lake" and H.M.C.S. "Llewellyn," attached to the East Coast.

Bob received his discharge April 15, 1946, as Stoker 1st Class and since has been engaged in farming. In the spring of 1947 Bob and his parents moved to Keyes.

SGT. BENEDICTSON, SIGURLINA

SGT. BENEDICTSON, OSCAR



# TPR. BERGSON, CARL GLENN

Son of Karl and Lillian Bergson, was born at Leifur, July 19, 1925. He attended Leifur school: At the time of his enlistment, April 26, 1944, he and his father were in the trucking business.

Carl received his basic training at Orillia, Ont. Left for overseas in December, 1944. He remained at Borden with the C.A.C.R.U. for four months, then crossed over to France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Was stationed at Wilhelmshaven and Oldenberg until his return to Canada on the "Aquitania" on June 18, 1946. He received his discharge on July 26, 1946.

Now resides in Winnipeg with his wife, Shirley Rosger, whom he married July 5, 1947. They have one son, Glenn Carl.

# GNR. BOTT, ARTHUR LANCE

Son of Stuart and Harriet Bott, was born at Langruth, October 21, 1919. He attended North Lakeland school.

Art enlisted October 3, 1941, as a member of the Royal Canadian Artillery. He received basic training at Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg. For a time he was at Camp Shilo, later going to Vernon, B.C., and Wainwright, Alta.; was at Debert, N.S., for a few months before going overseas in November, 1945. He was sent to Borden and Eastbourne, Eng., and on April 24, 1946, to Oldenberg, Germany. Returning to Canada in November, 1946, on the "Queen Elizabeth." He received his discharge November 28, 1946, as a gunner, and returned to his farm in the Lakeland district.





## PTE: BOIVIN, ALPHONSE TOSEPH

Son of Paul and Henrietta Boivin, was born at Lakeland, Man., May 20, 1926. He attended Amana school.

Alphonse enlisted at Winnipeg, November 6, 1944, took his basic training at Winnipeg in January, 1945. Was sent to Camp Shilo, Man., and Vernon, B.C., then east to St. Jerome, Que.; coming west to Winnipeg to finish his service in the Army at Fort Osborne Barracks.

On April 30, 1946, he received his discharge and now resides at Langruth.

#### PTE. BOIVIN, WILFRED JOSEPH

Son of Paul and Henrietta Boiyin, was born at St. Eustache, May 26, 1923. He attended Amana and Lakeside schools.

After enlisting at Portage la Praîrie, August-4, 1941, he received his basic training at Fort William, Ont. Was posted to Red Deer, Alta, going overseas at the end of that year.

From February, 1942, to October, 1943, Wilfred was a Driver Instructor at training centres in England. In November he was sent to Italy, where he was attached to the 5th Division as a Dispatch Rider, and also with the 1st Canadian Division. In 1945 he went to the N.W.E. War Zone, through France, Belgium, Holland and into Germany. On December 1, 1945, he came home on the "Queen-Elizabeth," receiving his discharge January 22, 1946.



Wilfred now resides on his farm with his wife, nee Audrey Mary Fox, whom he married in Woking, Surrey, England, on October 10, 1945. They have two daughters, Janice Beryl and Pamela.

#### CFN. CARSON, ERNEST E.



Son of Joseph and the late Mrs. Carson, was born at Lakeland, May 30, 1919, and attended North Lakeland school.

After enlisting, July 10, 1941, at Winnipeg, he took his basic training at Fort William, and trade training at Winnipeg, Man., Hamilton, and Barriefield, Ont.

On December 12, 1942, Ernest went overseas, continuing training at Borden and Slough, Eng. Leaving for France July 1, 1944, he saw action in Belgium, Holland and Germany, until his return to Canada on the "Queen Elizabeth," November 21, 1945. He received his discharge January 11, 1946.

In April, 1949, Ernest married Nellie Bergson, of Langruth, they have one son, Donald Edward.

# PTE. CARSON, ROBERT GLAISTÉR 🖫

Son of Joseph and the late Mrs. Carson, was born at Lakeland, October 7, 1917. He attended North Lakeland school.

Bob enlisted in the R.C.O.C. of the Army, March 10, 1942, at Winnipeg, had his basic translater at Fort Garry, Man., and Barriefield, Ont. Went overseas on Oct. 26, 1942, training for a short time, at Borden, Eng. He was injured in a bombing raid, necessitating hospital care, returning to Canada in March, 1944, with his health considerably impaired. He received his discharge in Winnipeg, April 14, 1944.

At present Bob is farming successfully in the Lakeland district.

On April 10, 1948, he married Margaret Peterson of Langruth. They have one daughter, Maureen.



## F.O. CONNELL, CAMERON LAIRD



Son of John and Ella M. Connell, was born at Neepawa, Man., October 18, 1913. He completed public and high school at Neepawa, and normal school in Winnipeg. Prior to his enlistment. August. 1942, he was principal of Langruth, Warren and Point du Bois schools. He received basic training at Brandon and Dauphin, Man.: I.T.S. at Regina. In August, 1943, he completed his course as Navigator at the A.O.S. at Portage la Prairie, where he received his wings. Arriving overseas he entered the A.F.U. at Wigtown, Scotland, and later joined the Operational training unit at Wimbleton, completing his tour from Middleton. St. George, with the 419 Squadron and Eastmoor with the No. 428 Squad.

In February, 1945, Cameron returned to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth, and in April received his discharge. He completed his Arts Course at the University of Manitoba with the 1948 class.

In 1939 he married Hazel J. Hogg, of Warren, Man. They have three children, Gail, Sandra and Garth. The family resides in Winnipeg where he is Assistant Principal of Ravenscourt Boys' School. For courage and devotion to duty in overseas operations, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

# F.O. CONNELL, KENNETH DEAN

Son of W. John and Ella Connell, was born at Neepawa, Man., August 24, 1919. He attended school at Neepawa and Langruth.

After his enlistment, March 22, 1941, at Winnipeg, he took his training at Valcartier, Que, leaving there August 1, 1941; was sent to Ottawa, where he remustered to Air Crew at I.T.S. Belleville, Ont. In 1943 Kenneth trained at the Bombing and Gunnery school at Fingal, Ont.; No. 9 Air Observers school, St. John's, Quebec, completing his course on May 14, 1943, as Commissioned P.O. Bombadier and left for overseas June 24, 1943, on the "Louis Pasteur."

In England he saw service at Bournemouth Holding Unit, No. 10 A.F.U. and No. 83 O.T.U. Peplow, Hadnet. On the 22nd of October, 1943, he went to No. 1867 Conversion Unit, Fallingworth, Lincolnshire, and to No. 1 Lancaster Finishing School, Hemswell, with the 101st Squadron.



Kenneth did 31 operations over enemy territory. On the night before D Day the squadron flew for 7 hours covering the invasion fleet, jamming all German wireless stations. He completed his tour July 12, 1944, and was sent to Turweston as an Instructor. On March 8, 1945, he sailed for Canada, arriving March 15, and on May 6 he received his discharge.

In Ottawa, March 24, 1945, Kenneth married Patricia M. Chappell of Borden, P.E.I., and with his bride came home to take up farming. They have one son, Blair, and a daughter, Pamela.

## SGT. CUMMINGS, GEORGE RAYMOND



Son of Chas. Cummings and the late Mrs. Cummings, of Kaslo, B.C., was born at Portage la Prairie, Man., October 1, 1922. He attended North Lakeland and Amana schools until going west with his parents. At the time of his enlistment, July 12, 1940, at Nelson, B.C., he was employed at Blairmore, Alfa.

With the P.P.C.L.I. he took his basic training at Victoria, B.C. In Winnipeg he completed infantry training at Fort Osborne Barracks, taking a course in Motor Mechanics before going to Hamilton, Ont., for further training at the Army Trades School. After a short course at the Holding Unit at Kingston, Ont., he went to Halifax and overseas, arriving at Liverpool. On August 20, 1941, he started a M.V.A. fitters course at the R.C.O.C. Instructional Wing, Borden, Eng., and continued training in Scotland. He sailed from

Greenoch for Valetta in Malta and took part in the D-Day landing in Sicily. After 3 months' hospitalization in Tunis, Africa, Raymond was in the Italian Campaign. Left Italy for N.W.E. War Zone. On V.E. Day he was at Apeldorn, Holland: He returned to Canada on the Brittanica, arriving in Quebec on August 14, 1945.

In May, 1941, Raymond married Loretta O'Brian of Winnipeg. They have one daughter, Lo-Anne Rae, and now reside in the Airdale district.

# PTE. DELL, ARNOLD

Son of Fred and Martha Dell, was born in the Hollywood district, February 18, 1919. He attended public and high school at Langruth. He remained on the farm with his parents.

On October 1, 1941, he joined the Army and took his basic training at Portage la Prairie; spent two months at Motor Mechanic School in Winnipeg. Arnold was sent to Woodstock and Camp Borden, Ont. On May 28, 1942, he left for overseas with the 65th Tank Transport Co. R.C.A.S.C., arriving at Greenoch, Scotland, June 6.

For 18 months he was a Driver Mechanic on Tank Transports in England. Later he was sent from Liverpool to North Africa, from there to Italy. Here he was attached to the 4th Canadian Field Ambulance, then stationed at Ortona. With this unit Arnold remained as a fitter until the

division was sent from Leghorn, Italy, to Marseilles, France, through Belgium and Holland. Needing surgical attention he was sent to the 19th Canadian General Hospital at Marston Green, Birmingham, Eng., and returned to Canada on the hospital ship, Lady Nelson, arriving in Winnipeg on July 5, 1945. He received his discharge on August 10, 1845.

He now resides in Langruth with his wife, the former Mildred Boivin, and they have one daughter, Lois.

## PTE. DELL. EARL GORDON



Foster son of Mrs. Lucy Dell—formerly a pioneer resident of Lakeside for several years. Made his home with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Dell, of Langruth. He was born March 20, 1911, and attended school in Gladstone. After enlisting at Winnipeg, May 2, 1941, he took his basic training at Portage la Prairie and Red Deer, Alta., in the R.C.A.S.C. and arrived in England on October 48, 1941.

Earl was with the Holding Unit in Farnborough and attached to No. 7 Canadian General Hospital at Marsdon Green in Birmingham, driving an Ambulance for No. 7-16-19 C.G.H. respectively, and was transferred to General Holding Unit in May, 1944. December 9 he was attached to

65th T.T. Company, and came home on the Ille de France, arriving October 27, 1945. Receiving his discharge on December 6, he returned to Langruth.

## F.O. DeMILL, ALFRED E.

Son of Mrs. Edna Emberly and the late Mr. DeMill, was born at Carman, March 7, 1912. He attended school at Roseisle. Moving to this district in 1940, when he purchased the Langruth Transfer.

After enlisting, July 19, 1942, he took basic training at Brandon and from February, 1943, to May, 1943, was stationed at No. 3 B. and G. school at Macdonald, Man. During the summer of 1943 he continued training at No. 23 O.T.U. and at No. 1679 Heavy Com. Unit. On arrival overseas, November 7, 1943, he was stationed with the 408 Squadron at Lintan-on-Ouse, then at Grandston Lodge O.T.U. and at Manby, Eng., later serving as instructor at Wellsbourne.



On April 25, 1945, he returned to Canada on the Ille de France. Remained in the Air Force until his discharge, November 30, 1945. He was stationed at No. 7 Release Centre, Calgary, Alta., as Personnel Officer.

Married to Verna Lowry, of Winnipeg, July 19, 1941, Mr. and Mrs. DeMill and their three sins, Donald, Ronald and Kenneth reside in Langruth, where Alf is engaged in the implement business.

## L. CORP. ERLENDSON, ERLENDUR WILFRED



Son of the late Finnbogi and Helga Erlendson, was born at Langruth on January 8, 1914. He received his education in the village school and then took a course at the Dominion Business College. Prior to his enlistment in the Army, July 20, 1941, at Ottawa, he was a member of the R.C.M.P. Wilfred took his basic training at Cornwall, Ont., and at Camp Borden. After further training, he was sent to the Mediterranean War. Zone. While in Italy he was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident, was hospitalized in North Africa and in England.

Bill returned to Canada in December, 1946, on the S.S. McRae, and on January 15, 1947, received his discharge.

On June 3, 1950, he married Hilda Henderson, of Winnipeg, and is stationed as Forest Ranger at The Pas.

# L.S. ERLENDSON, JOHN HJALTALIN

Son of the late Hannes and Johanna Erlendson, was born in the Wild Oak district, May 12, 1911. After attending Langruth Consolidated School he joined the Royal Bank staff at Langruth. Was a Utility Clerk in the Portage Ave Branch at the time of his enlistment, in Winnipeg, on February 12, 1941. Air Force training was taken at Penhold, Lethbridge, Edmonton, Boundary Bay and Trenton until October, 1941. On June 30, 1942, John transferred to the Navy. Following training in Victoria and Vancouver, he saw service aboard H.M.C.S. Wallaceburg, the H.M.C.S. Galt, from Cornwallis, N.S. (Higher S.D.).

Upon receiving his discharge, November 8, 1945, he returned to the Royal Bank, where at present he is accountant in the St. Boniface Branch.



John married Clara Josephine Mills of Holland, Man., on November 8, 1941.

# F.O. EYJOLFSON, HILMAR CLIFFORD



Son of the late Bjarni Eyjolfson and Gudny Eyjolfson of Vancouver, B.C., was born at Langruth, March 8, 1921. He attended public and high school, completing grade XII in June, 1941. On August 14 of the same year he enlisted at Winnipeg and commenced basic training at Brandon Manning Pool. In January, 1942, he took his I.T.S. at Edmonton and E.F.T.S. at High River, Alta. In June, 1942, he entered No. 3 S.F.T.S.; Calgary and on October 9, 1942, after receiving his Pilots Wings, went east to Halifax and overseas. He was stationed at Bournemouth, Ossington, Wellesbourne, Middleton St. George, Eng. In 1945 he was sent to No. 1664 Heavy Bomber Conversion unit to instruct on Lancaster and Halifax Bombers August 8, 1944, he received his operational/wings. From here he was sent home on the American Transport Convoy and arrived in Canada on May. 5, 1945. He was instructor at Boundary Bay, B.C. Airport. At present he is with the Vancouver Fire Department.

On June 21, 1947, Hilmar married Ruth Jonescu at Vancouver. They have one son.

He distinguished himself in his service for his country having been awarded the D.F.C. for gallant emergency action.

#### L.A.C. FAURSCHOU, RALPH HENRY

Son of Jens and Janet Faurschou, was born at Langruth, July 23, 1922. He attended the home school in the Hollywood district and high school in Langruth. Interested in farming he remained at home with his parents until his enlistment in Winnipeg, in the Air Force, on December 14, 1942.

After training at No. 1 M.C. Toronto, and T.T.S. in St. Thomas, Ont., in 1943, he joined the Ferry Command and was stationed at Dorval and Montreal, Que. He went overseas in January, 1944, and he served in England and Scotland until his return on the 16th of August, 1945, on the Louis Pasteur. He received his discharge on October 15, 1945, as L.A.C. "A" group, but remained in the R.C.A.F. Reserve.

He is now farming with his parents, and brother near Portage la Prairie,

Ralph distinguished himself in training at St. Thomas, Ont., where he won a scroll of honor for highest marks from T.T.S. and was later awarded the Defence of Britain Medal.

#### CPL. FAWCETT, RAY

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Fawcett, of McGregor, Man., was born at McGregor in 1919.

He enlisted in the Army in 1940, and after a short training was stationed at Sydney, N.S., until his discharge, on account of ill health.

Ray married Phyllis Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Smith, for a few years residents of Langruth.

## SGT. FITZSIMMONS, DONALD

Son of George and Fern Fitzsimmons, was born at Gladstone, June 14, 1923. He attended Langruth and Winnipeg schools and was in third year accountancy, University of Manitoba, at time of his enlistment in 1943, Don received officer training course in artillery at Chilliwack, Brandon and Brockville. In 1944 he transferred to R.C.A.F. and had Aircrew training at Edmonton, Rivers, graduating as Wireless Air Gunner in March, 1945. He received his discharge in April, 1945.

On October 28, 1945, he married Helen Sykes in Winnipeg. They have one son, Robert Murray, and now reside in Fort Frances.



#### L.A.C. GALLAGHER. GILBERT I.

Youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher, was born at Tuxford, Sask., December 25, 1910. There he attended public school. After a collegiate course taken at Moose Jaw in 1928, he moved to this district.

Prior to his enlistment in the Air Force, in 1941, he was a radio mechanic. He took his basic training at Brandon and Dauphin. He received his discharge in 1943 on account of ill health.

In November, 1943, he married Jean Campbell, of Portage la Prairie, where they peside with their two children, Diane and James.

# CPL. GALLAGHER, SANFORD

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher, was born at Tuxford, Sask., October 11, 1909. He attended the Tuxford school, and the Central Collegiate at Moose Jaw.

Prior to enlistment in the Air Force, February 3, 1940, he was a mechanic. After basic training in Brandón he was sent to Trenton, St. Thomas, Ont., and McLeod, Alberta.

In March of 1941 he was at Yorkton and in March, 1942, went overseas with the 415th Torpedo Bomber Squadron. In September, 1943, Sanford was sent home on account of illness and on recovering health was stationed at No. 3 Airport at Macdonald, Man., where he remained until his discharge, September, 1945.

Sanford is now the owner of a garage at McCreary, where he resides with his wife, nee Lillian Russell, whom he married in Gladstone in 1941. They have one daughter, Patricia Doreen.



## SGT. GARDINER, ALBERT JOSEPH



Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gardiner of Lakeland, was born in Winnipeg, February 23, 1916. He attended school in Winnipeg until his parents moved to Lakeland, in June, 1940.

Albert enlisted in the Motorcycle Corps in Winnipeg. He received his basic training at Ft. Osforne Barracks. His subsequent Canadian postings were Camp Shilo, A.G.R. Barracks, Brandon, Woodstock, Ont., and Sussex, N.B., before being sent overseas in August, 1943. Training in England until July, 1944, he saw action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Sgt. Gardiner returned to Canada on the H.M.C.S. Sarnia, August 29, 1945, and received his discharge on October 14, 1945.

On August 30, 1941, he married Nora Bernice Cochrane at Woodstock, Ont. They have three sons, Kenneth Roy, Gordon Douglas and Dennis James, and reside at Birch River.

#### CORP. GARDINER, LESLIE EMRYS

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gardiner, was born at Moosehorn, Man., May 20, 1920. He attended school at Lakeland and then farmed with his parents until his enlistment at Winnipeg, June 10, 1940. He entered the Motorcycle Corps and after a short period of basic training became an instructor. In 1941 he was sent to Shilo at A.G.R. Barracks.

In August, 1942, Emrys went overseas and trained in England until he went to France. Through the period of action on the Western Front he was a Dispatch Rider, serving in France, Belgium and Germany. Corp. Gardiner returned to Canada on August 29, 1945, on the H.M.C.S. Sarnia and received his discharge October 14, same year.

He was married on September 19, 1940, to Lyla Adelina Paul. They have three children,

Elvern, Sylvia and Doreen, and the family resides in Portage la Prairie. Emrys is at present stationed in Winnipeg, a member of the permanent Air Force.



# F. SGT. GARDINER, JOSEPH LESLIE

A Veteran of World War I.



Was born at Hornings Mills, Ont., and with his parents settled at Sperling, Man., where he attended school. On November 6, 1912, he married May Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner with their six children moved to their farm in the Lakeland district. After the outbreak of World War II, with their three sons, William, Albert and Emrys, already in uniform, Mr. Gardiner joined the Air Force on July 8, 1941, and was posted as Stationary Engineer, Group N., at Macdonald Airport, where he remained until he received his discharge, August 23, 1944. Other members of the family are: Roy, Beatrice and Kenneth.

In World War I, Joseph Gardiner enlisted in 1915, trained at Minto Barracks, and was sent overseas in 1916. He returned to Canada in May, 1919, and entered the employ of the T. Eaton Co.

# SGT. GARDINER, WILLIAM R. L.

Son of Joseph and May Gardiner, was born at Sperling, Man., April 11, 1914. As a young man he came to Lakeland with his parents. He enlisted in the Air Force on June 21, 1941, had his basic training at Brandon and was then sent to Whitehorse, Yukon, where he spent six months. On his return he was stationed at Macdonald Airport, where he served for three years, until his discharge, August 14, 1945.

Sgt. Gardiner was married in Portage la Prairie, August 12, 1940, to Esther Greening, of Lakeland. They have one daughter, Marlene Joan.

On his return from service, Bill resumed farming duties, but later sold the farm and now operates a general store at Lakeland.



#### SGT. GARRIOCH, ALBERT STANLEY



Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garrioch, was born in the Hollywood district, January 12, 1925. He attended the Hollywood school, was employed as a section man for the C.N.R. at the time of enlistment, September 27, 1943.

After basic and advance training in Brandon, he was sent to Debert, N.S., in April, 1944. In June he went overseas and trained at Bramshot, Eng., with No. 2 C.A.R.U. on S.P. anti-tank guns. In July, 1944, he was sent to France with the 5th Canadian Anti-tank Regiment, serving in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. With the close of hostilities, Albert volunteered for the Occupation Force in Germany, and returned to Canada on the liner Aquitania, June 12, 1946.

He received his discharge on July 24, 1946, and is now employed in Winnipeg. He married Ellen Terry De Larry, August 1, 1949, at Portage la Prairie, and they have one son.

#### PTE. GARRIOCH, EARL RICHARD

Son of Martha Garrioch and the late Roderick Garrioch, was born July 13, 1926, at Beckville, Man. He attended Smalley and Hollywood schools. At the time of his enlistment, November 4, 1944, he was in the employ of the C.N.R. as a section man.

After receiving basic training at Fort Garry, Man., and advance training at Camp Shilo, March 20, 1945, he was sent to Woodstock, Ont., for a Driver and Mechanic course. Too young for overseas posting he remained in service until he received his discharge on April 16, 1946.

Earl returned to the farm where he now resides with his mother.



GARRIOCH GARLAND



## TPR. GIBBINGS, HARRY JOHN

Son of Mrs. Lucy Gibbings and the late Henry Gibbings, was born at Lakeland, January 18, 1914. He received public school education at Lakeside and Lakeland schools. Harry enlisted in the Army at Winnipeg, May 13, 1941, taking his basic Fraining at Huntington and Montreal, Que.; Woodstock and Camp Borden, Ont.

After going overseas, March 28, 1942, he transferred to the Governor-General's Horse Guards, served with them in the African War Zone, in Italy and north to Germany, until the surrender.

He returned to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth in October, 1945, and received his discharge on December 11, 1945. Later he took a course in mechanics and secured employment in Winnipeg, where he now resides.

#### GNR. GIBBINGS, REGINALD

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gibbings of Lakeland, Man., was born December 12, 1900, in the city of Exeter, Devonshire, Eng. He attended Lakeside school-and-Portage Collegiate. At the time of his enlistment, August 6, 1940, he was a section man in the employ of the C.N.R. Reginald received his basic training at Shilo and Petawawa as a member of the 37th Field Battery. He went overseas with the 5th Division, November, 1941, and served in England with the 17th Field Regiment, 4th A.T. Regiment and as a driver with Claims Section, C.M.H.Q.

He returned to Canada on the Louis Pasteur, arriving in Winnipeg on September 3, 1945, and received his discharge on October 18, 1945.

He is again employed by the C.N.R. near Gladstone, Man., where he resides with his wife, Verna May McDonald, whom he married on February 28, 1941, at Portage la Prairie. They have one son, David.





#### PTE. GIBBINGS, WILFRED

, Son of Mrs. Lucy and the late Henry Gibbings, was born at Lakeland, in 1912. A few years prior to the outbreak of World War II he moved to Alberta. Wilfred joined the Army on January 3, 1941, at Edmonton, Alta., and took basic training there for a short period and then at Valcartier Camp, Que. In June, 1941, he was sent overseas and was stationed in Scotland until April, 1944, then at Shoreham, England. In July he went to France, Belgium and Holland, returned to Canada on the Hospital Ship Lady Nelson, March 10, 1945, receiving his discharge on July 17, 1945.

Wilfred is now living on his farm at Lloyd-minster, B.C.

# PTE. GOODMANSON, BJARNI S.

Son of Ragnheidur Goodmanson and the late Thorhallur Goodmanson, was born July 13, 1910, at Langruth. After completing his public grades at Hollywood school he remained on the farm with his parents until the time of his enlistment, July 19, 1944. Received his training at Portage la Prairie, and at A. 23, Halifax, with R.C.A. He was posted in the Pacific Command at Patricia Bay, Vancouver Island, and at Prince Rupert, B.C.

Upon receiving his discharge, March 8, 1946, at Prince Rupert, he returned to his farm.

In 1950 Barney married Kathleen Thompson of Nova Scotia.



#### PTE. GOODMANSON, CALVIN SVEINBERG



Son of Ragnheidur and the late Thorhallur Goodmanson, was born May 28, 1908, at Langruth, and remained on the farm until his enlistment, November 16, 1942. He received his training at Fort Garry, Winnipeg, and Red Deer, Alta, going overseas in 1943, he arrived at Elmer Sands, July 21. Shortly after "D" Day, Calvin saw service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, where he was injured in the crossing of the Rhine. After being in hospital and convalescent camps, he returned to England.

On January 6, 1946, he married Elizabeth South, a Canadian Nursing Sister at Aldershot, England.

He sailed for home on the Queen Elizabeth, arriving in Winnipeg on February 14, 1946. Mr.

and Mrs. Goodmanson reside on a farm in Hollywood district.

## TPR. GOODMANSON, JOHN VALDIMAR

Son of Ragnheidur Goodmanson and the late. Thorhallur Goodmanson of Langruth, was born at Langruth on June 6, 1918. He attended the district school of Hollywood. Farming claimed him until he enlisted in the Lord Strathcona Horse, 5th Division, June 11, 1941.

Upon completion of his training at Camp Borden, and Debert, N.S., he was sent overseas in December, 1941. In December, 1943, John went with the 8th Army to Italy where he served until Ortona.

On November 4, 1944, John married Sybil Anita Ross, in London, Eng., remaining in Army employment until he returned to Canada, on the Aquitania, September 26, 1946, with his wife and son, Brian John.



They reside at Girvain, Sask, where he is in the Implement and Oil Business.



## GREENING, ADAM

Son of Adolph Greening and the late Mrs. Greening.

Adam and his wife, Blanche, reside in Winnipeg. They have one daughter, Rosemary.

# PTE. GREENING, BENJAMIN

Son of Adolph and the late Blondina Greening, was born March 2, 1923, at Amaranth, Man. He attended Hollywood school. Ben was employed as a farm hand at the time of enlistment, June 3, 1941. He received training at Winnipeg, Camp Shilo and Debert, N.S., before being sent overseas in 1942, as a Dispatch Rider. In England he was stationed at Aldershot, Rumford, Norwich, Cambridge and East Grimstead. In July, 1944, he sailed for Franch, and with the Canadian troops went to Belgium, Holland and Germany.

On September 1, 1945, Ben came home, and on October 19 received his discharge. He took over the farm in the Amana district, where he now resides with his wife, the former Olga Berezowecki.



# F.O. HALL, CHARLES ARCHIBAL®



Son of William and the late Helen Hall, was born June 11, 1918. He attended public school in Portage la Prairie and Langruth; United College in Winnipeg, and the University of Toronto.

At the completion of his course he entered the employ of Canada Packers Ltd. at Toronto. After enlisting, February 7, 1942; he had his basic training at No. 1 Manning Depot, and I.T.S. at Toronto. His course took him to No. 1, B. & G. School at Jarvis, Ont., and his A.D.S. at St. John, P.Q. In 1943 Charles went overseas and was enrolled at No. 4 A.F.U. at West Freugh, Scotland, and at No. 12, O.T.U., Chipping Warden, Eng. After completing his 46 operational flights he returned on the Ille de France, December 24, 1944, and received his discharge February 12, 1945.

Charles was married in Winnipes, March 16, 1945, to Norma Jane Verner, and they have three daughters. For a time he was with his former employers, in Toronto, but in the summer of 1947 purchased a Freezing Plant or Locker at Glenboro, Man.

# L/CPL, HALL, WILLIAM PURVIS

Son of William and the late Helen Hall, was born at Portage la Prairie, May 12, 1908. He received his education there and two years in the University of Alberta (Civil Engineering)1. At the time of his enlistment, May 5, 1943, at Vancouver, he was a mine surveyor for the city of Vancouver Engineering Dept.

He completed his basic training on June 25, at Vernon, B.C., advance Spr. training at Chilliwack, B.C., and 7th Engineer R.F.T. at Suffield, Alta., also the L/Cpl. Instructors' Course at Chilliwack, B.C. Before going overseas, in December, 1944, Bill was stationed at Debert, N.S. In England he was for a time at Cove, then went to Holland for active service.

He returned to Canada on the S.S. Ille de France in January, 1946, and received his discharge at Vancouver March 18, 1946, returning to his former vocation and is an instrument man.

On June 5, 1941, Bill married Eileen Wolfe, at Zeballos, B.C. They have two children. The family resides in Vancouver.





# SGT. HALLDORSON, PERCY LEO

Son of Bjorn and Jonina Halldorson, was born October 12, 1922. He attended the town school, completing graft. XI. Percy joined the Air Force in Winnipeg, April, 1941. After training at Rivers, Man.; Clinton and Toronto, he left for overseas in December, 1941, and spent a year on the southern coast of England, with headquarters at Hastings. In August, 1943, he returned to Canada to remuster for air crew, as a navigator. He trained at Lethbridge and Edmonton, Alta., and Vancouver, B.C. After the end of the war he remained in the Air Force until he received his discharge in the fall of 1945. The following year he enrolled for a vocational training.

He now resides at Roblin, Man. On December 8, 1949, he married Irma Cameron of Roblin.

## PTE. HIRSEKORN, WILLIAM GUSTAV

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Hirsekorn, was born at Chatfield, Man., March 1, 1918. He attended school at Chatfield, and came to this district a short time before he enlisted, on October 29, 1942.

Bill had his basic training at Winnipeg and advanced training at Halifax. Being unfit for overseas service he was at Camp Shilo, and other points until after the close of hostilities.

On October 20, 1945, he married Edna-Hildebrand, of Morden, at Winnipeg. They have two children, Richard William and Patricia Joan.

Receiving his discharge November 14, 1945, he purchased a farm in the Hollywood district, where they now reside.



## F.O. HANNESON, ARNI GEORGE



Son of John and Helga Hanneson, was born September 4, 1915. He attended public and high school at Langruth, and at J. B. Academy in Winnipeg. At the time of his enlistment, November 25, 1941, he was in the employ of Federal Grain Co. He commenced training at No. 2 Manning Depot, Brandon, and on January 31, 1942, went to No. 7 Initial Training School, Saskatoon, Sask. In July, 1942, he was sent to No. 6 Elementary Flying School, Prince Albert, and later to No. 7 Service Flying School at McLeod, Alta., whethe he received his wings. He was sent to Flying Instructors School at Arnprior, Ont. In February, 1943, George was stationed at No. 3 B. & G. School, Macdonald, Man., where he remained for 2 years. He was in No. 124 Ferry Squadron, St. Hubert, Que., until he received his discharge in Winnipeg, February 24,

At present he is a Hardware Dealer, in company with his father and brother at Langruth.

On November 27, 1939, George married Irene Vera Hutchison and they have four children, Arni George, Colin Bruce, John Brian and Luella Claire.

#### P.O. HANNESON, ERLENDUR LEONARD

Son of John and Helga Hanneson, was born December 18, 1916. He attended public and high school at Langruth, and clerked in his father's store. He joined the Air Force in October, 1939, as a wireless mechanic. After training at Trenton and Rockville, Ont., he was sent overseas on February 15, 1940, with the 110th R.C.A.F. Squadron, in the first Royal Canadian Air Force ever to leave Canada for active service abroad. In England he was stationed at Old Sarum, Halton, Rumford Salisbury, High Post, Coventry and London. On returning to Canada, on the Nerissa, March 15, 1941, he was posted to Ottawa and to the United States at the following places: Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Baltimore, Md.; Orlando, Florida, then back to Dartmouth, N.S., checking Radio on Convoys. He remustered into Aircrew and was at Toronto, Ft. William and Centralia, where he received his Pilot Wings.



Len received his discharge on March 1, 1945, at Winnipeg, and is now a partner, in the Hanneson Bros. Hardware Store, Langruth.

On February 8, 1950, he married Nora Hurst Carson of Langruth.



## L.A.C. HANNESON, ARTHUR MARINO

Son of Hallgrimur and the late Maria S. Hanneson, was born May 27, 1915. He attended public and high school at Big Point. Prior to his enlistement, February 26, 1943, he worked as a mechanic in a garage in Watson, and was in the employ of the Hamilton Bridge Co. First stationed at Galt Aircraft School, in July, 1943, he went to Toronto for basic training, in September to advance training, I.T.S. in St. Thomas, then did service at Centralia, Trenton, Aylmer and Lachine, until he received his discharge on May 23, 1946.

Arthur was married at Waterdown, Ont., to Elsie Mary Allen and they have a son, David. Arthur, and a daughter, Susan Marie. He is now in the employ of Virtue Motors Ltd., Burlington, Ont., and resides in Waterdown.

#### TPR. HANNESON, THOMAS INGIMAR

Son of Hallgrimur and the late Maria S. Hanneson, was born March 23, 1919. He attended Big Point and Langruth Schools. On October 25, 1941, he enlisted at Portage la Prairie, where he received his basic training. Until February 12, 1942, he took a machinist's course in Winnipeg, Canadian Army Trades school in Hamilton, Ont., and ata Camp Borden. From there he was sent overseas, reaching Scotland on November 8, 1942, later going to Aldershot, England, where he joined the 14th Canadian Armored Corps (Calgary Tanks). On June 20, 1943, he sailed to Sicily and to Italy, here he saw action, was hospitalized at Malta, until-March, 1944. With his unit he saw action in the Gustaf and Hitler lines, going through the Italian campaign to Rome and Arezzo where he was wounded. He again went back to his unit and from Leghorn, Italy, sailed for the N.W.E. war zone. In Holland he was again wounded and after



three months in hospital at Ghent, Belgium, went back to Holland to the 10-C.A.R.-F.G.H. for Repat. to Canada. Came home on the Queen Elizabeth, January 18, 1946, and received his discharge March 4, 1946, at Winnipeg.

On July 11, 1942, Tommy married Margaret Anne Eastman at Hamilton, Ont. They have one son, Douglas Ingimar, and they reside in Winnipeg.



#### RFN. HARRIS, GERALD

Son of Mrs. R. Buckle and the late Mr. Harris, was born April 18, 1924, at Yorkton, where he attended school and at Amana. He enlisted in 1943 and took basic training in Winnipeg, advanced training at Shilo, before going overseas in 1945. Gerald went to the Continent with the Occupation Troops, attached to the Regina Rifles. He returned to Canada, arriving on May 24, 1946, and was discharged at Ft. Osborne Barracks in August.

On April 10, 1950, he married Annie Sladek, of Gladstone. They reside on his farm at Lakeland.

## RFN. HARRIS, JAMES

Son of Mrs. R. Buckle and the late Mr. Harris, was born at Yorkton, Sask., June 6, 1925. He attended school at Yorkton and Amana. Enlisted in 1943, took his basic training at Winnipeg and advanced training at Shilo (Paratroop), going overseas in 1944. Jim went to the Continent with the Winnipeg Rifles and was taken prisoner in March, 1945, but was released on May 25. He returned to Canada in September, 1946, and received his discharge at Ft. Osborne Barracks on November 7, 1946. In June, 1949, he married Merle Rogers.



#### PTE. HARRIS, FRED

Son of Margaret and the late James Harris, was born May 14, 1917. He attended schools in this district. On June 9, 1941, he enlisted at Fort Osborne, Winnipeg.

Fred trained in Winnipeg and Ft. William, and in the fall was sent with the Winnipeg Grenadiers to Hong Kong, China. On Christmas Day he, with the rest of his unit, became a prisoner of war, and as such remained until released, after the close of hostilities. He returned to Canada on December 12, 1945.

Although Fred suffered because of prison conditions, he was in fair health, and after a few months of hospital attention he received his discharge, April 9, 1946. Since his return, resides with his mother at Langruth.

# PTE. HARRIS ALBERT ARTHUR

Son of Mrs. Margaret and the late James Harris, was born March 23, 1923. Bert enlisted in the Army at Winnipeg, July 18, 1944, and trained at Portage la Prairie and Camp Shilo, Man. Received his discharge, July 24, 1946. He resides with his mother near Langruth.

#### GNR. HYDE, DONALD ALFRED

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyde of Lakeland, Man., was born in Winnipeg, July 14, 1921, and there finished public school. He was in the employ of the Imperial Varnish and Color Co., Toronto, at the time of his enlistment as a Gunner, February 14, 1942. His basic training was taken at Portage la Prairie and advance training at Camp Shilo.

On February 25, 1944, Don received his discharge. On April 17, 1943, he married Frances Fraser and they have one child. The family resides in Toronto, Ont.

## PTE. HYDE, E. F.

• Son of the late Mr. J. Hyde and Mrs. Hyde of Winnipeg. Enlisted in 1941, did not go overseas, was with the Army Service Corps. Is employed with Winnipeg Electric.

#### RFM. HYDE, M.

Son of the late Mr. J. Hyde and Mrs. Hyde of Winnipeg.

# PTE. HYDE, J. N.

Son of the late Mr. J. Hyde and Mrs. Hyde of Winnipeg.



# GUNNER HILDEBRAND, REINHOLD

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hildebrand, was born at Ronana, Poland, July 5, 1901. As an infant he came to Canada with his parents who settled near Emerson and later farmed at Snow-flake, Man. Here Reinhold received his education.

He was married in 1927, to Herta Kmast, who died in 1933.

In November of 1941 he enlisted in the Army at Snowflake and took his basic training at Winnipeg. In April, 1942, he was sent overseas. where he served on the western front, in France, Belgium. Holland and Germany. He returned to Canada in June, 1946, and on July 16 received his discharge. That fall he bought the farm on which he now resides, in the Hollywood district.

## DVR. HILDEBRAND, EDWARD

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hildebrand, was born at Emerson, April 17, 1912, and attended school at Snowflake. He married Elsie Hirsekorn, in 1936, and with her and three children, Josephine, clarence and Doreen, moved to this district, where he farmed until her death in 1943. That fall Ed. joined the army and trained at Orillia, Ont.

For the past two years he has been employed in B.C. In the fall of 1949 he married May Baldwin and they reside at Princeton.



## GUNNER HILL, IVAN



Son of Charles and Lillie Hill, was born May 20, 1921. He attended Langruth school until the family moved to Lakeland and there completed public school grades. He enlisted in the R.C.A.S.C. at Ft. Osborne Barracks in 1941 and received basic training at Ft. William, Ont.; Fort Garry Artillery Centre and Shilo. He left for overseas in the fall of 1942, resumed his artillery training at Borden and No. 13 Canadian Field Artillery Battery, then he joined the Provost Corps. Leaving for France in the summer of 1944, he served with the 2nd Canadian Corps, in the camapign on the western front, Belgium and Holland. In January, 1945, he returned to England, a Transport Driver with the No. 9 Provost Corps.

On May 5, 1945, Ivan married Beatrice Conn, at Romford, Essex, where they reside with their two children.

### PTE. HILL, CHARLES H.

Son of Charles and Lillie Hill, was born at Miami, Man., October 8, 1917. He attended Langruth school. Enlisted June 25, 1940, and trained at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg. Going overseas with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, he arrived in England on March 1, 1942. After the battle of Dieppe in August, 1942, he was reported missing and later prisoner of war at Pomeranea Prison Camp, in Germany. Regaining freedom in the spring of 1945, Charlie sailed from Southampton on the Louis Pasteur and arrived in Winnipeg on July 3, 1945. On September 6 he received his discharge and is now employed with Canada Malting Co., Winnipeg. On March 10, 1949, Charlie married Olive Briggs and they reside in Winnipeg.



### CPL. HOLMES, FREDERICK JOHN



his wife, nee Joyce McNally.

Son of Mrs. Elsie Holmes and the late John Vincent Holmes, was born at Naskwauk, Minn., U.S.A., December 11, 1924. Coming from Winnipeg in 1939, he attended the Marshland school. Prior to enlistment, on January 16, 1943, he was a fireman in Winnipeg. His basic training was taken at Portage la Prairie and Camp Borden, and in April, 1944, he was posted to Shilo, Man., for paratroop training. Fred went overseas in August, 1944, and shortly after suffered slight injuries. On recovery he transferred to the infantry and served with the Algonquins through the Western campaign in France, Belgium and Germany, where he was again wounded.

He returned to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth, November 28, 1945, and received his discharge on February 28, 1946. Now resides in Alberta with They were married on May 24, 1950.

### TRP. HOLMES, HARRY GEORGE

Son of Mrs. Elsie Holmes and the late John Vincent Holmes, was born at Emo, Ont., March 10, 1923. He came to Langruth with his parents from Winnipeg in 1939. His public school grades had been covered in Ontario, California and Winnipeg. Prior to his enlistment, June 29, 1941, Harry worked with his parents. He received training with the 12th Manitoba Dragoons at Winnipeg, Shilo, Camp Borden, Ont.; Esquimalt, B.S., and Debert, N.S., before going overseas in August, 1942. In July, 1944, he went to France and saw action in Belgium, Holland and Germany. After returning to Canada on the troop ship Queen Elizabeth, December 12, 1945, he received his discharge in Winnipeg on January 19, 1946.



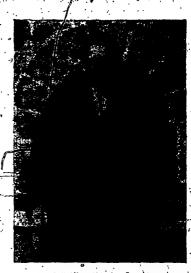


# CPL. HOLMES, EARL

Son of Elsie and the late Vincent Holmes, was born December 12, 1928. Enlisted April 7, 1948.

### SGMN. HOLMES, THOMAS

Son of Elsie and the late Vincent Holmes, was born October 18, 1931. Enlisted October 19, 1948.





## L.A.C. JACKSON, LEONARD R.

Son of Howard and Helga Jackson, was born October 28, 1923, at Birnie. He enlisted in January, 1943, but was grounded for sinus trouble, and took up Radio Telegraphy. Studied in Montreal, Quebec and several other stations. Was sent to Greenwood, N.S., as a wireless trainer. Len was discharged on January 10, 1946.

# GNR. JENSEN, KENNETH JAMES

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jensen, was born in Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A., October 18, 1921. He completed grade school at Harcus, Man., and at the time of enlistment, October 10, 1939, was a truck driver. He joined the army (artillery) and had his basic training at Winnipeg and later trained as a signaller and wireless operator at Petawawa, Ont. On July 1, 1941, was sent overseas and was in the anti-aircraft defence of England until August 1, 1944, and later saw service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Kenneth returned to Canada on the troop transport Queen Mary, August 7, 1945. In the spring of 1946 he moved with his parents to Slocan City, B.C., and at present is a constable in the B.C. Provincial Police.





## A/B.S. JOHNSON, CLIFFORD MAGNUS

Son of Magnus and Ingibjorg Johnson, was born December 17, 1925. Still a student at Langruth school at time of his enlistment in January, 1944. He received his basic training at Winnipeg at H.M.C.S. Chippawa, and later a gunnery course at H.M.C.S. Cornwallis. In February, 1945, he was assigned to the Corvette Norsyd, on convoy duty from Newfoundland to Londonderry, Ireland. After eleven months of service he returned home, and on January 18, 1946, received his discharge.

On August 3, 1946, Clifford married Lorna Gothard in Winnipeg, and they have two children, Sandra and Siggi. Later he enrolled in the Scientific Hairdressing School in Winnipeg and completed the course through the C.V.T. and is now established in Langruth.

### SGT. KELEMEN, STEVEN

Son of Paul and Alice Kelemen, was born at Punnichy, Sask 12 12, 1922, and there finished public school and 12 2, 1922, and there finished public school and 12 2, 1922, and there finished public school and 12 2, 1923, and there finished public school and 12 2, 1943, he was employed by the National Steel Car Corporation, Hamilton, Ont. He received basic training at Brantford, Ont., and advance training at Camp Borden. In November, 1943, he went overseas and was with the Royal Regiment of Canada at Aldershot. He went to France in September with the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders Corps and through the Western Campaign to Germany, where he was wounded at Calcar, on February 26, 1945. After hospital and convalescence care he returned to his regiment and continued in action until close of war.

Steve returned to Canada in August, 1946, preceded by his English bride, Helen McCormack, whom he had married in England, November 3, 1945, and now reside in Marathon, Ont.



They have one son, Thomas,

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# PTE. LANGDON, DAVID GEORGE

Son of George and Edna Langdon, was born March 21, 1927, in St. Thomas, Ont. He attended Langruth school and was enrolled at United College, Winnipeg, at the time of his enlistment, October, 1944. After C.T.T.C. training in Saskatoon he was sent to Hamilton and Woodstock, Ont., for a driver mechanic course. In November, 1945, he received his discharge from the army. After completing a motor mechanic course through V.L.A. he joined the permanent Air Force and is at present stationed at Centralia.

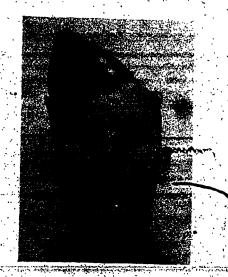
July 11, 1950, he married Mae Hodgson at Myrtle, Man., and is residing at Exeter, Ont.

# SGT. LANDGON, WILLIAM STENTON

Son of George and Edna Langdon, was born-January 14, 1925, at St. Thomas, Ont. He attended Langruth Consolidated school and United College, Winnipeg. On September 28, 1943, he enlisted in the Air Force at Winnipeg and took his basic training at Manning Depot, Edmonton, Alta.; I.T.S. at Saskatoon, E.F.T.S. at Davidson, Sask., and W.A.G. training at Winnipeg and Calgary. On May 3, 1945, Bill received his discharge and returned to the University of Manitoba, graduating in agriculture in 1949. He is now on course with the Hudson Bay Co., in Winnipeg.

On May 25, 1950, he married Doreen Beamish of Haney, B.C.

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# A/B.S. LINDAL, BJORN VALTYR



Son of Holmfridur and the late Carl Lindal, was born at Langruth, August 31, 1915. He attended the town school. On September 17, 1941, he enlisted, after training at Winnipeg, Man., and Esquimalt, B.C., he joined the Armed Merchant Crusier, Prince Robert, engaged in Pacific patrol. Later Biossi entered convoy duties in Aleutian Islands under U.S. Navy Command. In March. 1943, he went overseas and was stationed ashore in Scotland. Later he served as helmsman aboard the Canadian destroyer Chaudiere, which was on escort and patrol duties in the English Channel, Bay of Biscay and North Atlantic. Before hostilities ceased he volunteered for Pacific service and took special training. Returned to Canada a crew member of the destroyer Chaudiere, and received his discharge as an Able Seaman on December 10, 1945.

### SGT. LINDAL, SOFFANIAS

Son of Holmfridur and the late Carl Lindal, was born October 4, 1918. He attended the Langruth school, completing grade XI. For several years he was a Transport Driver in the employ of Biggar Bros., Winnipeg. He enlisted in the army on January 8, 1942, at Portage la Prairie, Man, where he trained for some time. His advance training was taken at Red Deer, Alta., he later became instructor at Nanaimo, B.C., and Camp Borden, Ont. He married Bertha Ovilia Servant, at Edmonton, on June 17, 1944. They have four children. On December 20, 1945, he received his discharge at Winnipeg as a sergeant.

In 1946 the family moved to a farm in Alberta.



# GNR. LOAN-JOHNSTON, MATTHEW LAWRENCE



Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Loan and foster son of Edward and the late Elizabeth Johnston, was born at Woodside, Man., March 11, 1901. He attended North Lakeland school and farmed with his foster parents until they moved to Langruth. On June 4, 1933, he married Margaret Jean McPhail of Peace River. They have three children, Mary Louise, Edward Gordon and Edith May.

On December 19, 1941, Max enlisted and took basic training with A.T.C. Camp Shilo, R.C.A.T.C. He spent the war years in Canada and received his discharge in May, 1946. Since July, 1946, he has been a Steel Foundry employee in Selkirk, Man., where the family has resided since July, 1944.

# L/CPL. MARTEINSON, JOHN ÉDWIN

Son of Gudmundur and Ingibiorg Marteinson, was born January 16, 1900, at Riverton, and attended school there. At the time of enlistment in Winnipeg, April 7, 1943, he was employed in a garage at Arborg, Man. His basic training was taken in the R.C.A.S.C. at Fort Garry and at Red Deer, Alta. He was sent overseas December 2, 1943, and until May 3, 1944, was stationed at Farnborough. On account of physical disability John returned to Canada on the Louis Pasteur in May, 1945. He returned to his former occupation of mechanic and is at present Service Manager at Russell Motors, at Langruth.

Before moving to Arborg, John was married in Winnipeg in 1924, to Laufey Laura Fjeldsted. They have two children, John Kristjan and Laurel Rose Bjorg.



# PTE. MATTHEWS, ALISTAIR

Son of Gordon and Elizabeth Matthews, was born at Langruth, October 29, 1926. He attended the Langruth Consolidated school and MacGregor Collegiate, where he was at the time of his enlistment, April 3, 1945. He received his basic training at Winnipeg and Brandon. Alistair received his discharge in September, 1945.

Since completing a Welding and Motor Mechanic course through D.V.A. at the Canadian Technical Training School, he has been employed as a mechanic in Langruth and Gladstone. He resides with his mother.



### SPR. MATTHEWS, KENNETH

Son of Fred Matthews and the late Maude Matthews, was born in Tillsonburg, Ont., and as a small boy same west with his parents in 1910. He attended the Langruth school and worked as a carpenter fintil he enlisted in July, 1942. After basic training in Winnipeg and at Camp Petawawa, Ont., he was sent overseas. After a year's stay in England he was obliged to come back because of ill health. He returned to carpentry and has employment in Portage la Prairie.

Kenneth was married March 30, 1933, to Mae Lupkey of Amaranth, and they have four children, Harvey, Bruce, Jimmy and Velma.



# GNR. McEWEN, DONALD A

Son of Roy and May McEwan, was born June 1927. He attended North Lakeland school will " the time of his enlistment, November 29, 1944, he was on the home farm. He took basic training at Dundurn and Saskatoon and then went to Victoria, B.C., for an automotive course, returning east and was stationed at Camp Shilo. Later Don transferred to the regular R.C.A. and completed a course with the Canadian Technical Training Corps.

On November 3, 1945, he received his discharge at Winnipeg and is now employed with the Game and Fishery Branch.

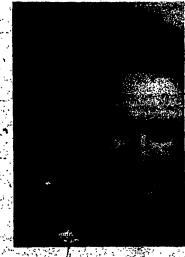
# CPL. McEWEN, MARJORIE KILBOURNE

Daughter of Roy and May McEwan, was born at Lakeland, April 15, 1924. She attended Lakeland and Langruth schools and on completing a course at the Dominion Business College, became a clerk typist with the Pioneer Grain Co.; Winnipeg, Man. On August 7, 1944, Marjorie enlisted in the C.W.A.C. at Winnipeg, and commenced basic training at Kitchener, Ont. She was posted to Halifax, N.S., in October, 1944, and was employed at Embarkátion until June, 1945.

She was sent overseas on the Louis Pasteur in July, landing at Southampton, and from there going to Aldershot. She was posted at Khaki University, Watford, Herts, as a member of the clerical

Marjorie came home in June, 1946, on the Ille de France, and received her discharge on August 19, in Winnipeg. Later she was a clerk typist, War Assets Corp., Vancouver, B.C.

In 1949 she married Gerald Black of Vancouver.





## SPR. McKAY, J. RICHARD

Son of Margaret McKay and the late Joseph McKay, was born at Langruth, March 24, 1898. He attended school in Hollywood.

On February 17, 1923, he married Lillian Gaunt, at Portage la Prairie. At the time of his enlistment in the Royal Canadian Engineers on June 24, 1941, he was in the employ of Flin Flon Mining and Smelting Co. After three years in England, he served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Ritchie returned to Canada on September 27, 1946, and received his discharge on October 28, 1946. He now resides on a ranch in the Okanagan Valley. They have nine children.

## F.O. McKINNON, VERNON

Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. McKinnon of Neepawa, formerly of Langruth, enlisted August 25, 1942, and after extensive training in Canada went overseas. He was reported missing on March 5, 1945, over Germany, and later as a prisoner of war at Chinnitz, Germany. After two months he was liberated, returning to Canada June 11, 1945.

Vernon married Hughene Guy, of Neepawa, and they have one daughter, Verna Lynne.

He studied at the University and completed a course in Engineering and is now employed at Clear Lake, where the family resides.



#### NEILSON. VERNON



Son of Mr. and Mrs. Neils Neilson, of B.C., but formerly of Langruth, was born in Denmark, March 4, 1918. He received his schooling in the old country and in Saskatchewan. He enlisted in the army in the spring of 1943 at Vernon, B.C., where he had his basic training. Later he was transferred to Calgary, and from there overseas in the fall of 1943.

He saw action through the Sicilian and Italian campaigns, but after the Italian surrender, he returned to England, and home in the Spring of 1945.

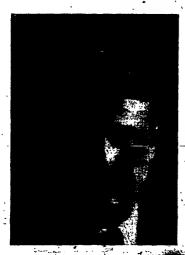
He lives in Mission City, B.C., where he is in the trucking business.

#### GNR." NEILSON, WILLIAM

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Neils Neilson, was born in Denmark, October 2, 1924. As a very young lad he came to Canada with his parents who settled at Partman, Sask. Here he had his schooling. Soon after moving to Langruth, he enlisted on December 6, 1941, at Noll District Depot, Vancouver, as a member of the Canadian Parachute Battalion. He trained at Vernon, B.C., and at Fort Benning, Georgia, U.S.A. In the spring of 1944, Bill went to England and served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, returning to Canada in July, 1945, on the Ille de France. He received his discharge November 30, 1945, and returned to Langruth.

On May 8, 1946, he married Wilma Jonina Arksey at Portage la Prairie. They have one daughter, Linda Thora





Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Olson, was born at Langruth, September 15, 1918. He completed public and high school in Langruth and later took a year's course at Hemphill Mining and Diesel Engineering School at Vancouver.

On November 3, 1941, (Hardy) joined the Air Force in Winnipeg, and took his basic training at Brandon, Man.; Saskatoon and Prince Albert, Sask, graduating as Pilot Officer at McLeod, Alta,, and was sent overseas, He was stationed at Smithfield, A.F.U. and Honeybourne Operational Training Unit. He returned to Canada on August 22, 1945, on the Duchess of Richmond, and received his discharge October 2, 1945, in Winnipeg, as a Flying Officer.

On November 1, 1947, lardy was married in St. Jude's Church to Elizabeth Hope Maksymetz. They have one son, and the family resides in Winnipeg.

#### CPL. OLSON, STANLEY

Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Olson, was bornSeptember 11, 1916, at Langruth. He received his
education in the town school and the J. B. Acidemy in Winnipeg. At the time of his enlistment,
May 28, 1941, he was in the employ of the T.
Eaton Co. After a brief period of training at the
Toronto Manning Pool, he was sent to St. Thomas,
Ont., where he enrolled for an instrument course.
In December, 1941, Stanley went overseas, was attached to the Coastal Command, 407 (Demon)
Squadron and served in Great Britain until his
return to Canada in December, 1944, on the Queen
Mary. In February, 1945, he received his discharge
and returned to his former trade as watchmaker
with the T. Eaton Co.

On December 31, 1945, he married Lillian

Bessie McGowan, in Winnipeg. They have one daughter; Linda.



# CPL. ORGAN, DAVID W.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Organ, was born at Dauphin, Man., February 21, 1926. He attended school at Russell, Man., and at the time of his enlistment in the army at M.D. 10, Winnipeg, August 18, 1944, was a high school student at Russell Collegiate. He trained at Winnipeg and Camp Shilo and on August 2, 1946, received his discharge. He continued with his studies at Brandon College, and is a graduate in geology.

## PTE. PETERSON, PETER

Son of Helga Peterson and the late Wm. Peterson, was born at Winnipeg, June 30, 1907. He attended Big Point and Langruth schools. He remained with his parents on the farm until enlisting, on June 11, 1941. He trained at Camp Shilo, Man., and at Debert, N.S. On November 8 he sailed for overseas where he continued his training in the R.C.A.S.C. at Aldershot. In July, 1944, he went to France and served in the Western Campaign in Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Peter returned to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth, December 10, 1945. On January 30, 1946; he received as discharge and since has been engaged in farm





## A/B.S. PETERSON, RALPH

Son of Helga Peterson and the late Wm. Peterson, was born July 31, 1924, at Langruth. He attended the town school and remained on the farm with his parents until he enlisted in the Navy, August 2, 1943, at Winnipeg, and had his initial training there. He went to Esquimalt, B.C., on December 14, and was drafted to H.M.C.S. Owen Sound, based at St. John, Newfoundland, and Londonderry, Ireland. Later he was drafted to H.M.C.S. Lewis, and served until June, 1945.

Ralph returned to Canada in November, 1945, on H.M.C.S. Owen Sound. On January 4, 1946, he received his discharge.

### PÉTERSON, JONAS

Son of Helga Peterson and the late William Peterson, was born January 27, 1916, at Langruth. He attended the village school, completing his high school grades. On March 24, 1942, Jonas enlisted in the Army and received his basic training at Fort William, Ont., but on account of ill health had to accept his discharge on June 19, 1942. At present is employed at carpentery in B.C.

He now resides in Vancouver with his wife Margaret, whom he married on March 10, 1948.

## PETERSON, WILLIAM

Son of Mrs. Helga Peterson, and the late William Peterson. Offered his services in the Air Force, but his health did not meet requirements.

# CPL. PETERSON, DOUGLAS MAGNUS

Son of Magnus and Ingibjorg Peterson, was born at Westbourne, August 28, 1912: He attended school at Langruth. Until his enlistment, May 19, 1942, he was on the farm with his parents. Doug was in the Provost Corps and had his basic training at Fort Garry and then was sent to Camp Shilo, Man., where he remained until December 2, 1942. During the winter of 1943 he was at Camp Borden and later served as Investigator for Provost Corps until his discharge, April 1, 1946: He was connected with the R.C.M.P. for two years as a special constable.

On March 30, 1948, he married Dorothy Milne, of Winnipeg.





### PTE. PIKE, PATRICK ALEXANDER

Son of Mrs. Ellen Smith and the late Mr. Pike, was born February 26, 1915, at Weyburn, Sask. He attended school in Winnipeg. Enlisted in Transport Unit of the Queen's Own Highlanders of Canada on March 28, 1940. He took his basic training in Winnipeg and was sent overseas on December 27, 1940. He was stationed at Aldershot and New Haven. In 1942 he was in the Dieppe raid, later was with the C.A.S.C. in Farnborough with the R.C.O.C. at Borden, Eng. He came home on March 18, 1945, and received his discharge on May 7, 1945. He is employed in Winnipeg.

POPKES, THOMAS

# RFN. POULTON, GORDON A.

Son of Mrs. Poulton and the late Charles Poulton, was born February 23, 1917. He calisted at Fort Osborne Barracks on May 1, 1942, and received his training at Winnipeg and several other stations. On account of physical unfit he was exempt from overseas service. Gordon received his discharge on March 23, 1946.

On June 29, 1941; he married Una V. Weston, in Winnibeg, and with their family of seven sons, Richard, John, Charles, Victor, Gordon, Robert and Brian, reside at Langruth, where he is employed as drayman



#### TPR. PUDDICOMBE, JOSEPH ERNEST

Son of Fred and Florence Puddicombe, of Lakeland, was born at Portage la Prairie, November 23, 1920. He attended Lakeside school. On May 13, 1941, Joe enlisted and was sent to Valley Field, Que., for basic training, later training at Montreal and Camp Borden. In the spring of 1942 he went overseas and continued training until he was sent to Italy in 1943. He saw action through the Italian campaign; until its capitulation in the early part of 1945, then in Holland; Belgium and Germany. He returned to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth, arriving in Winnipeg, October 21, 1945, and received his discharge on December 10, 1945.

On August 3, 1946, he married Lucille Mark aret Gunn, at Macdonald, Man. They have two children, Joseph and Beverly.

## PTE. PUDDICOMBE, WILFRED FRANK

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Puddicombe of Devonshire, Eng., was born at Colebrook, Devonshire, November 13, 1902. He attended public school and came to Canada as a young man. Or June 30, 1936, he married Alice T. Roblin in Winnipeg.

On April 17, 1942, Wilfred enlisted in Winnipeg and commenced training at 102 Basic Training Centre at Fort William.

He was posted at Kingston, Ont.; Fort Castallian Barracks and Montreal Ordnance Depot. He was attached to R.A.O.C. and 2nd Canadian Division Ordnance Workshops, going overseas on May 25, 1943. On July 14, 1944, he received his discharge.



# L.A.W. ROBERTS, ELSIE



Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts of Lakeland, was born at Morden, May 7, 1918. She attended school in Winnipeg, Homewood and Lakeside. At the time of her enlistment, November 17, 1941, was a Nurse's Aide at the Edith Cavell Nursing Home in Winnipeg.

Elsie received training at Toronto and Guelph, Ont. Returning to Manitoba was stationed at No. 10 S.F.T.S., Daupin, Man. Later was sent to Lachine, Que., and overseas in December, 1944. She served at Bournemouth, London, and Torquay, returning to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth on November 19, 1945, and received her discharge on February 8, 1946, at Winnipeg.

On January 19, 1946, Elsie married Howard Kneeshaw, in Winnipeg and now resides on a farm in the Arizona district. They have son, Brian George, and daughter.

# PTE. ROBERTS, KATHLEEN FLORENCE

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts, of Lakeland, was born September 16, 1925, at Winnipeg. She attended school at Lakeside. At the time of her enlistment, on October 27, 1943, she was in the employ of Canada Malting Co. Winnipeg, Man. Took basic training at Vermison. Alta, later going to Edmonton. In March, 1944, she went to Victoria and in October was at Camp Shilo.

On Jamage 23, 1946 Kathleen received her discharge 24 Winnipeg. For a time she was an employee of the T. Eaton Co. in Winnipeg, until her marriage September 6, 1947 to Earl Grier. They reside at Carberry



### L/CPL. ROBERTS, HOWARD



Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts, of Lakeland, was born at Winnipeg, March 9, 1921. He attended the Lakeside school and remained on the home farm until his enlistment in Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, February 5, 1941. In June. 1941, Howard transferred to the Royal Winnipeg. Rifles and went overseas in September, 1941. He continued training at Aldershot, Worthing and Horsham, and then transferred to R.C.O.S. Arriving on the Continent in July, 1944, he served with the First Canadian Army in the western war zone of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, After the close of hostilities he returned home on the H.M.S. Aquitania August 21, 1945, and received his discharge, September 21. Later he re-enlisted with the Royal Canadian Engineers.

On May 17, 1944, Howard was married to Judy Bell, of Sussex, England. They have two sons and at present reside in Winnipeg.

### ROBERTS, JAMES

Son of Mrs. Roberts and the late Thomas Roberts, of Bagot, Man., was born July 19, 1912. He enlisted in April, 1941, with the C.A.C. and went overseas in 1942. He saw action in Italy on the western front, through the campaign in Belgium, Holland Germany.

His wife is Irene Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith. During the war Mrs. Roberts and their son, Keith, made their home in Langruth and now reside on their farm at Bagot, Man.



## L.A.C. ROBERTSHAW, GORDON STANLEY

Son of Stanley and Vida Robertshaw, was born in Gladstone, November 8, 1922. He attended North Lakeland, school and then farmed until he enlisted, December 23, 1942. On October 16, 1943, he married Miss Sylvia Helgason, who died on October 24, 1943. Gordon was sent overseas in January, 1944, served in Belgium, Hölland and Germany. In the winter of 1945 he returned to Canada and on March 13, 1946, received his discharge.

On September 4, 1948, Gordon married raine Anderson, of Steele Bridge. They have son, Darell Gordon. They reside in Vancouver, where he is employed by the C.P.R.

### TEL. ROBERTSHAW, IVAN EDWARD

Son of Stanley and Vida Robertshaw, was born February 16, 1926, at Winnipeg. He attended North Lakeland and Langruth schools. In March, 1943, he enlisted in the Navy, and after brief training went overseas January 12, 1944. He made several trips along the Atlantic coast, with head-quarters at Londonderry, Ireland. In January, 1946, he received his discharge.

In Fanuary, 1949, Ivan married Gwennie Owens of Vancouver, where they reside,



#### A/B.S. ROBERTSHAW, NORMAN JAMES



Son of Herbert and Myrtle Robertshaw, was born February 7, 1925. He attended the Langruth public and high school. At the time of his enlistment, December 5, 1942, at Vancouver, he was in the employ of the Hamilton Bridge Co. L'td. He took basic training H.M.C.S. Discovery, Vancouver, B.C., and H.M.C.S. Naden, at Victoria, then to Comox, B.C., for a course in Commando training. With the completion of that course Norman came back to Victoria and picked up his first ship, H.M.C.S. Dawson, spent four months in the Aleutian Islands, Kodiak and Kiska. On his return to Vancouver, via the Panama Canal to Halifax, he had spent seven months on the "Triangle Run"-Halifax to Newfoundland, New York to Londonderry, Ireland. In June, 1945, he returned to Canada, and on December 2, 1945, received his . discharge as Able Seaman at H.M.C.S.. Discovery,

at Vancouver. At present he is employed at diamond drilling.

#### PTE. ROULETTE, ERNEST

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roulette, was born at Leifur, Man., January 6, 1920. He attended Leifur school. Enlisted July 31, 1941, at Portage la Prairie. He took his basic training at Portage, Camp Shilo. Winnipeg and Vancouver. Because of physical unfitness he was discharged October 7, 1943. He resides with his parents, near Amaranth.



#### STRONG, DONALD

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Strong (veteran of World War I), was born in 1921, and attended Amaranth and Hollywood schools. In the spring of 1940 he enlisted with the P.P.C.L.I. in Winnipeg.

After a short period of training he was sent overseas and saw action in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns. At the close of hostilities he returned to Canada and settled with his parents at Amaranth, where he was employed for a time in the Gypsum mine.

On April 29, 1950, he married Hazel Armitage of Amaranth.



### TPR. SCHNEIDER, EVERETT WALLACE

Son of Ed. Schneider and the late Mrs. Schneider, was born at Gull Lake, Sask., January 3, 1919. He attended school in Saskatchewan and at Langruth. On December 11, 1942, Everett joined the army and had his basic training in Portage la Prairie. In July, 1943, he was sent to Camp Borden, Ont., where he took tank training as a wireless operator and gunner. After completing this course he left for England, February 16, 1944. He continued his training until he was sent to France for service in Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Trooper Schneider returned to England in December, 1945, and to Canada in January, 1946, on the liner Queen Elizabeth. Everett is in the

employ of Ducks Unlimited, in charge of the Big Grass Marsh post.

In 1949 he married Pearl Werstuik of Amaranth.

### TPR. SCHNEIDER, GERALD THOMAS

Son of Ed. and the late Mrs. Schneider, was horn at Gulf Take, Sask., December 31, 1920. He attended Langruth school. On June 11, 1941, Gerald enlisted, and took his basic training at Portage la Prairie, and was then sent to Camp Borden. He received his discharge on December 9, 1941.

On January 30, 1946, he married Marion Mc-Alaster at Winnipeg, where the couple reside. He is in the employ of the Winnipeg Cold Storage Co.





#### TPR. SCHNEIDER, ROBERT

Son of Ed. Schneider and the late Mrs. Schneider, was born at Gull Lake, Sask., October 2, 1922. He attended school at Langruth. Enlisted on January 6, 1943, training at Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie and Camp Borden, before going overseas from Halifax in July. After a refresher course in England, was posted to the 28th British Columbia Tank Regiment, arriving in France in July, 1944; with the Fourth Division. He served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, where on April 12, 1945, he was wounded and was in the 110th British General Hospital. From there to a holding unit in Holland with the Fort Garry Horse, then posted back to England, and sailed for Canada on July 28, 1945, on the New Amsterdam. Discharged December 11, 1945. Bob farms in the Airdale district.

#### TPR. SMITH, ALFRED

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith (veteran of World War I), was born at Pigeon Lake, on May 3, 1911.

As a young lad he moved with his parents to the Portage district where he attended school.

In September, 1935, he married Miss Inez White of Portage la Prairie, and they have three children.

Immediately after the outbreak of war, September, 1939, Alf. enlisted in the army, training at Camp Borden. He went overseas in November, 1941, and saw service in Belgium, Holland and Germany. After the close of the war he returned to Canada in the winter of 1946

and for a time resided with his family at Langruth.



#### PTE. SMITH, THOMAS OWEN.



Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith (Veteran of First World War), was born January 26, 1908, at Pigeon Lake, Man. He enlisted in January, 1940, at Winnipeg, in the P.P.C.L.I. and in June of same year was sent overseas. He served with the Lorne Scott I. Can. Army Defence Company and was injured in an explosion. After several months of hospital care he returned to Canada and entered a training school for the blind in Toronto, where he now lives with his wife, the former Lorene Fox, of Carman, and their four children.



### CPL. SMITH, ELAINE MERLE

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Smith, was born May 14, 1912. She attended Amana school and the Gladstone High School. At the time of enlistment, on January 2, 1942, she was a press operator in the employ of the American Can Co., Vancouver, B.C. She received basic training at Toronto and Guelph (R.C.A.F. School of Cooking).

In June, 1942, was stationed at Gander, Newfoundland, and was there until August, 1943. In the west she saw service at Brandon, Man.; Claresholm, Edmonton, Alta.; Prince Rupert, B.C.; Aliford Bay and Queen Charlotte Island, and on receiving her discharge, October 21, 1945, was at Ancaster, Ont. She returned to Vancouver where she is at present employed in the Collection and Adjustment Dept., Retail Credit Bureau.

#### PTE. SMITH, RAE NOBLE

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Smith, was born at Lakeland, May 3, 1918. He attended Amana and Lakeside schools and then remained on the farm with his parents. He enlisted November 5, 1941, in the P.P.C.L.I., and had his basic training at Ft. William, Ont.; Fort Osborne, Winnipeg, and at Camp Shilo. He went overseas in November, 1942, training at Aldershot and Whitely Camp, England. Going to the Mediterranean theatre of war he landed in Sicily on "D" Day. He was wounded in action in Italy in December, 1943. After hospital care in North Africa he returned to the "Pats" in Italy, until March, 1945, when he was sent to England. Rae sailed to Canada on the Mauretania on January 31, 1946.

On October 31, 1946, he married Laura M. Karlensig at Plum Coulee, Man., and farms at High Bluff, Man. They have two children.





### PTE. SMITH, DALTON

Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Smith, was born at Lakeland, June 2, 1912. He attended Amana school. Prior to enlistment, January, 1944, was employed at the West Coast Shipyards, Vancouver. After basic training at Chilliwack was sent to Calgary, where he joined the Provost Corps. On May 5, 1945, Dalton received his discharge, and shortly after returned to farming, and is now living on his farm in the Amana district.

On June 25, 1948, he married Grace Irma Sherritt.

#### A/S. SMITH, FRANK LORRAINE

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Smith of Amana, Man., was born August 8, 1917. He received his education at Amana and Lakeside, then farmed, with his parents until his enlistment, June 3, 1942. He had his basic training at Victoria, H.M.C.S. Naden at ports on the east coast in 1942 and 1943. In February, 1943, Frank went overseas with headquarters at Londonderry, Ireland, and at Greenoch, Scotland. For a considerable time he was with the North Atlantic Patrol. In April, 1946, he received his discharge at Winnipeg, and is now employed on highway construction.



### SGT. SOLVASON, JOHANNES STEFAN

Son of Holmfridur Goodman and the late Johannes Solvason, of Arborg, was born at Vidir, Man., January 27, 1919. He attended school at Arborg. Enlisted September 23, 1941, at Winnipeg, and trained at Shilo, Camp Borden, Victoria and Debert, N.S., going overseas in August, 1942. He trained at Aldershot, Black Heath, Woolerton and Tunbridge, Eng. In July, 1944, he crossed to France with the 12th Manitoba Dragoons, saw service in Belgium, Holland and Germany until the end of hostilities. He returned to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth and arrived in Winnipeg on January 18, 1946, receiving his discharge March 2, 1946, at Winnipeg, where he now resides.

On September 20, 1947, Joe married Rosaline Kilcup in Winnipeg.

## TPR. SOLVASON, N. VICTOR

Son of Holmfridur Goodman and the late Johannes Solvason of Arborg, was born May 24, 1925. He attended school at Arborg and Marshland until he entered employment with Motor Coach Industries Limited in Winnipeg. On July 19, 1943, Victor enlisted and took his basic training at Brampton, Ont., and advance training at Camp Borden, Ont. In the spring of 1944, Victor went overseas and after three months of crew training in England was sent to the war zone in Western Europe, where he served for a year. He returned to the U.K. and was on duty at Khaki College, and at No. 10 Repat. Depot in England. Returning to Canada on the Ille de France on June 6, 1946. He received his discharge August 8, 1946. At present he is in Winnipeg.

## CPL. SORENSON, ELVERN EMIL



Son of the late Emil Sorenson and Mrs. Myrtle Paul, was born February 2, 1916, at Eddyside, Sask. He attended school at Buffalo Gap, Sask. At the time of his enlistment he was in the employ of International Nickel Co. He joined the R.C.A.F. in Winnipeg on November 7, 1941, and entered the Manning school at Brandon, then posted at Dafoe, Sask., in the M.T. section: He remustered to the Fire Fighting Squadron and was sent to Trenton, Ont.; Shelbourne, N.S., and' Scouduc, N.B. In 1943 he was posted to Dafoe, Sask.; Edmonton, Alta., and Watson Lake, Yukon, until receiving his discharge, May 3, 1946. At present he has the Imperial Oil Agency, at Langruth, and also operates the projector at Kristal Theatre.

On September 9, 1938, he married Margaret G.

Hanneson, and they have two children, Elaine Joyce and Walter John.



## PTE. SIMPSON, NORMAN J.

Son of Mr. H. Simpson of Embro, Ont., and the late Mrs. Simpson, was born at Minnedosa, Man., and there attended public school. For several years he made his home with the late Mr. and Mrs. P. Jacobson of Langruth. After enlisting in the P.P.C.L.I., April 24, 1940, he took his basic training at Fort Osborne, Winnipeg, went overseas ir June, 1940, and continued training at Borden. Whitby, Brighton, Hampden Park and Aldershot. He returned to Canada on May 3, 1945, and on June 22 he received his discharge at M.D. No. 12, Vancouver, and secured employment at H.M.C.S. dockyard, Esquimalt.

On June 15, 1940, Norman married Florence E. Jacobson. They have one son, Orville Clayton.

## CPL. STEWART, DONALD WM. McGAW

Son of Mrs. J. and the late Mr. Stewart, of Edmonton, Alta., was born April 8, 1915, at Biggar, Sask. He attended Leduc public school and Edmonton High school. At the time of his enlistment, November 4, 1941, he was on his farm in the Hollywood district. He received basic training at Fort Garry and in 1942 and 1943 was on Provost duty in Winnipeg. After advance training at Camp Borden he served at Victoria, Courtenay and Prince George, B.C., also on Exercise Eskimo and at Camp Borden, going overseas the same year. He took a refresher course at Aldershot and became an instructor with the Provost Corps, at London, Craydon and Haverly, England.

On February 21, 1946, Cpl. Stewart returned to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth and received his discharge on April 11, 1946.



On July 15, 1943, Donald married Valentine Dobberman. They have three children, Donald Robert, Valorie Edith, and Dolores Joan.

### TPR. TALLON, CYRIL JOHN



Son of Mrs. Margaret Bjarnason, of Portage la Prairie and the late Mr. Tallon, of Weyburn, Sask., was born at Winnipeg, March 25, 1910. He enlisted on July 24, 1940, at Dundurn, Sask., and took his basic training there and at Weyburn, Sask., further training at Vancouver, Nanaimo, Niagara, Ottawa, Debert, N.S.; Sherbrooke, Que., and Camp Borden, Ont. In August, 1943, Cyril went overseas as a motor mechanic and served in England at Blackdown and Crowbourne. On December 26, 1944, he returned to Canada and received his discharge in August, 1945, at Fort Osborne, Winnipeg.

On December 20, 1941, Cyril married Ruth Obst. He died in 1950.

#### PTE. TALLON, WILLIAM BOWNESS

Son of Mrs. Margaret Bjarnason and the late Mr. J. Tallon, of Griffin, Sask., was born in Winnipeg, March 27, 1915. He attended school at Griffin, later moved to Langruth. On May 22, 1944, he joined the Army at Portage la Prairie and was sent to Cornwall, Ont., for basic training. In August he went overseas, was stationed at Borden, Aldershot and Cove, where he took a course in Infantry Signalling. In January, 1945, he was attached to the Regina Rifle Regiment and Occupation Force. He returned to Canada on April 24, 1946, and received his discharge at Winnipeg, June 4, 1946, where he resides with his wife, Doris Mabel Cox, whom he married on May 3, 1947, at Portage la Prairie. They have one son, James Lloyd.

### TEL. T. O. THORDARSON, JOHN FREEMAN



employed by Pioneer Grain Co.

Son of Freeman and Gudrun Thordarson, was born December 3, 1925. He attended public and high schools at Hollywood and Langruth. John enlisted July 8, 1943, at H.M.C.S. Chippawa, where he had basic training. In November he was sent to H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, N.S., and to H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe, Que. In Quebec he had a six months' course in wireless training. In December, 1944, he went to H.M.C.S. Niobe and then served on the Aircraft Carrier H.M.S. Puncher, operating with the Royal Navy along the Norwegian Coast and Russian convoy routes. When the war ended the carrier was used in transporting troops from Scotland to New York. After making four of these trips, John returned to Canada on November 22, 1945. Since receiving his discharge, February 6,

1946, he has completed grade XII at Manitoba Technical Institute, and is now

#### CPL. THORDARSON, THOMAS INGIMAR

Son of Gudrun and Freeman Thordarson, was born in Winnipeg, March 5, 1919. He attended Hollywood school. He enlisted in the Lord Strathcona Horse, June 11, 1941, and commenced basic training at Camp Borden, Ont. On completing the regular four months, he was sent overseas on November 12, 1941. For two years Tommy trained at various points in England, and went to the Mediterranean theatre of war, here he spent seven months as a gunner and grew commander. On the 24th of May, 1944, he was wounded in the crossing of the Melfa river, and returned to England. After six months he returned to his re-enforcement unit, as gunnery instructor. At the end of hostilities Tommy came home on the Ille de France, arriving in Winnipeg on June 24, 1945. On September 12,



1941, he married Alice Mildred Bott of Langruth, at Allandale, Ont. two children, Thomas and Sylvia, and now reside on their farm in the Hollywood district.



#### L/CPL. THORGRIMSON, FREYR ADAM

Son of the late Rev. Adam Thorgrimson and Sigrun Thorgrimson of Winnipeg, was born on August 11, 1910, at Akureyri, Iceland. He received his education at Lundar, Man. At the time of his enlistment, September 11, 1939, he was an employee of the Royal Bank of Canada at Winnipeg. He took basic training in Winnipeg and Camp Shilo. In the summer of 1940, Freyr went overseas and trained at North Camp, Aldershot, Lewes, Petworth, Horsham and London, where he served in the Military Post Office until his return to Canada. He sailed on the Ille de France, arriving October 5, 1945. On November 25 he received his discharge and resumed his duties in the Royal Bank, and is at present manager of the Langruth branch.

On March 10, 1940, Freyr married Grace Hutchison of Langruth. They have three children, Freyr Adam, Nan and Linda.

#### SGT. THORLAKSON, STEFAN SEDFORD

Son of Monica and the late Magnus Thorlakson, was born at Westbourne, Man., December 10, 1897. He attended school at Calder, and as a very young lad, enlisted for service in World War I.

In 1927 he married Alma Shrader at Calder. and they have a family of eight children. In 1936 the family moved to Langruth, where he was at the time of his enlistment on February 21, 1940. He was sent to No. 1 Wireless School in Montreal. where he remained until August when he went overseas as a Wireless Operator. He was then appointed to training Air Crew at Upper Hayford and Benson, England. Next stationed at Army H.Q. Letherhead, as a Telegraphy Instructor, until he was re-patriated in March, 1943. After a month's leave he became instructor at No. 3 Wireless school in Winnipeg, and at Air Observer School, Portage la Prairie. On March 30, 1944, he received his discharge. The family now lives near Toronto.



### CPL. THORLEIFSON, ALLAN OLAFUR



Son of Gudni and Lena Thorleifson, was born December 7, 1919. He attended the town school and was employed by the Langruth Trading Co. at the time of his enlistment, June 21, 1941. After four months of basic training in Winnipeg, he went to Hamilton, Ont., in October, 1941, as a member of the R.C.E.M.E. In May, 1942, he continued his course in Debert, N.S., until he went overseas in August, 1942. From England he went with the 28th Armored Regiment to France in July, 1944, and through the western campaign to Belgium, Holland and Germany, until November, 1945.

He returned to Canada December 31, 1945, on the Queen Elizabeth, and received his discharge on February 1, 1946. He is an employee of Anderson Bros. of Baldur, Man., as a mechanic in their garage. Allan was married on October 12,

1947, to Thora S. Johannesson, of Baldur, where they reside. They have one son, Allan Oliver.

# GNR. THORLEIFSON, HERBERT LINCOLN

Son of Gudni and Lena Thorleifson, was born September 7, 1923. He attended the Langruth school. He enlisted in Winnipeg, March 6, 1942, had his basic training at Brandon, and was there until September, 1942, when he was sent overseas to continue training in England. Then sent to the Mediterranian theatre of war, and saw action in Italy, until she was forced to capitulate, in the winter of 1945. With the 71st Battery of the 8th Army, he arrived on the Western Front and served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, leaving for Canada on January 9, 1946. Arrived in Winnipeg, January 17, 1946, and on February 22 received his discharge.

Herbie married Violet May Bergson of Langruth, and they have two children, Sylvia Lillian and Olafur Lincoln.



## PTE. WARD, THOMAS LORNE



Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ward, was born at St. Laurent. He attended St. Laurent and Portage la Prairie schools. He was married November 1, 1930, to Elsie Smith, and they have one daughter, Betty. He enlisted in Winnipeg on September 21, 1939. In June, 1940, he was sent to Jamaica with the Grenadiers, serving there for 16 months. Later returned to Canada and was sent to Hong Kong, October 25, 1941. Taken prisoner on December 25, 1941, he spent two years in North Pond prison camp, two years in Negista prison camp, Japan.

After the release of the prisoners in the fall of 1945, Thomas returned to Winnipeg, where he received his discharge April 1, 1946.

The family resides in Winnipeg where he is in the employ of the Western Packing Co.

### L/CPL. WATERSTON, ROBERT

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Waterston, was born at Neepawa, Man., November 7, 1903. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war, in the Engineers, went overseas in 1940. Was in the army until the close of hostilities, when he returned to Canada, and was discharged in 1946. He was married in England during the war and after receiving his discharge he returned there. He now lives with his wife and their two children at Halton Heath, Pool, England.

#### PTE. WATKIN, GLADYS MARY MAY

Daughter of Mr. M. Forsley and the late Mrs. Forsley, was born September 7, 1910. She attended North Lakeland school. She enlisted on December 14, 1942, at Toronto, Ont., and took basic training at Kitchener, Ont., and was stationed at Q.M. stores in Toronto. After a year as C.W.A.C. she received her discharge on November 14, 1943.

On February 14, 1939, Gladys married Colin Watkins, at Timmins, Ont., and they have one son, Michael.





### L/CPL. WILSON, FREDERICK.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson, was born November 30, 1919, at Bluff Creek, where he attended public school. At the time of enlistment, in Winnipeg, October, 1940, in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, he was employed at Lakeside. He took his basic training at Dundurn, Sask., and in Winnipeg.

On October 3, 1941, Fred was married to Edith Puddicombe, of Lakeland. They have four children, Ernest, Florence, Valerie and Lorne.

After his discharge he bought a farm at Lakeland.

## STOKER I. WILSON, ROGER ALLARDYCE

Only son of Harold and Margaret Wilson, was born at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, November 6, 1925. He attended Hollywood and Langruth schools. He enlisted on July 8, 1943, at H.M.C.S. Chippawa, Winnipeg. After three months' training he went to Esquimalt on the west coast where he took courses at H.M.C.S. Givenchy and H.M.C.S. Naden I. In the spring of 1944 he joined the H.M.C.S. Beacon Hill and via the Panama Canal went overseas. He was stationed at Londonderry, Ireland, where the Beacon Hill belonged to the striking force.

At the close of hostilities Roger returned to Canada in the Beacon Hill and volunteered for Pacific duty. He was at Liverpool, N.S., until November, 1945, when he received his discharge at H.M.C.S. Chippawa, Winnipeg. He returned home and after a two-year course in agriculture at Manitoba University he started farming in the Langruth district.



### PTE. YOUNG, MAURICE NELSON

Son of Mrs. L. Raincock, and the late Nelson Young, of Toronto, Ont., was born January 14, 1917, in Toronto. He attended Lakeland school, and enlisted in Portage la Prairie, in February, 1940. He received training in Portage, Winnipeg and Red Deer, Alta. On account of ill health he received his discharge on July 13, 1942. Since 1946 he has been employed with the Canadian Fishing Co. Cold Storage Dept., in Vancouver, B.C.

Maurice married Edna Lucille Bennett, October 30, 1943, at Portage la Prairie, and have one son, Stanley Nelson.

A very incomplete list of boys and girls who enlisted from Langruth, but whose homes were elsewhere:

Alexander, C. B.

Anderson, Walter G.

Brown, Clare

Carriere, J. C.

Gunn, Oral

Kazuba, Susiana

MacDonnell, M. B.

Roblin, Ellen

Roblin, W. E.

Trewin, T. W., killed overseas.

Wald, Carl

Youzua, N. G.



# **VERSE**

#### TO THOSE WHO COULD NOT GO

With life and heart afire to give and give,

I take and eat the bread of charity;
In all the length of all this eager land

No man has need of me.

That is my hurt—my burning, beating wound;

That is the spear thrust driven through my pride,
With aimless hands and mouth that must be fed,

I wait and stand aside.

Let me endure it, then with stiffened lip:

I, even I have suffered in the strife;

Let me endure it then—I give my pride

Where others give a life.

Cicely Hamilton.



We want to pay tribute to Our Boys, in the district, who volunteered for active service, in both the Great Wars, but who were not accepted.

We were unable to make a list of their names. We Honor and Respect them.

# LOCAL GIRLS MARRIED TO SOLDIERS DURING THE WAR OF 1939 TO 1945

- Tannas Connell, to Clare Brown, of Solsgirth, Man., in February, 1940, at the Lutheran Church at Langruth. They reside in Winnipeg, and have two children.
- Svafa Lindal, to Albert Cumber, of London, England, at Winnipeg, in 1944.

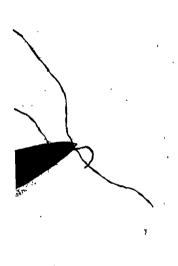
  They live in London, and have two children.
- Beatrice Gardiner, to James J. Weber, at Macdonald. They reside at present at Lakeland, and have one daughter.
- Ida Garrioch, to L. Hendrick from New Zealand, at Winnipeg. They live in New Zealand.
- Clara Harris, to George McGork.
- Edith Jackson, to Clarence J. Martin, of Neepawa, Man., where they live. They have two children.
- Edith Wilson, to Alexander Brown, of Saskatchewan, on October 25, 1943, at the Lutheran Church in Langruth. They reside in Edmonton, and have two daughters.
- Gertie Thordarson, to William Moore, of Winnipeg, on August 25, 1945, at the Lutheran Church. They reside in Winnipeg and have two sons.
- Helga Johannson, to Raymond McNeil, of Grandview, Man., in 1942. They reside at Dauphin and have one son.
- Lucille Paul, to Oral Gunn, of Solsgirth, Man. They had three children.
- Dorothy Jackson, to Edward Nickel, of Palmerston, Ont., in April, 1944, at Winnipeg. They have two sons.
- Irene Gray, to Oscar Oliver, of Stettler, Alta., in 1942, at Winnipeg. They live in McBride, B.C., and have two children.
- Alfreda Olson, to George O. Jorgensen, at Winnipeg, Man., February 24, 1945. They reside in Vancouver, B.C., and have two children.

# SKETCH OF EARLY LANGRUTH.

By G. W. Langdon

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In the year 1907 two young men of St. Thomas, Ontario, got a touch of what was commonly known as "the Western fever" and decided to seek their fortunes in the Canadian West. Their names were George W. Langdon and W. Judson Ruth, later to form a real estate partnership





LANGDON AND RUTH FORTY YEARS AFTER

of Langdon and Ruth. And now, forty-three years later, the former attempts this little sketch.

Western farm lands and fabulously-advertised Western townsites were attracting much attention of Easterners not only for actual settlement but more so for investments by thousands not intending to remove to the West. And thus these two scented an opportunity to try and help satisfy some of these peoples' ambitions, and of course to the mutual advantage of all concerned. So to the West.

After making inspection of a few of the many available and morelikely propositions in prairie lands submitted by some of the numerous real estate firms and very eager land agents they finally decided to at least. have a look at a considerable area offered for sale to the West of Lake Manitoba and where now the prospering and delightful little town of Langruth is the appropriate centre. It was in the midst of a busy harvest season on the Portage Plains and there seemed to be a threshing outfit on about every second or third farm in a veritable sea of stooks stretching far and wide, a beautiful and unforgettable sight to the two Easterners especially as they had the full benefit of this magnificent view from a livery democrat driven out from Portage la Prairie. The driver delivered a letter from the owners of the land to the late Mr. Thos. Robertshaw, of North Lakeland, who joined the party in giving the district a casual look-over. This land, covered as it was with poplar trees and willow scrub, appealed to them as being more Ontario-like than the open prairie, besides having the advantage of established markets and with a new branch railway line pointing through it. In fact, the railway grade had already been constructed to a couple of



LANGRUTH, 1910

miles further North though the steel had not yet been laid. And a very important consideration were the terms under which this block might be handled being such as to agreeably correspond with their financial limitations. So notwithstanding the soil of some of it at least was not exactly the best they had seen elsewhere in the West such disadvantage was easily offset in their minds by advantages evident not to mention other advantages they thought they could foresee and which the years have since vindicated. And so after a later inspection they finally secured what appeared to be the choice eight sections of this block. This to be only a starter for their proposed operations.

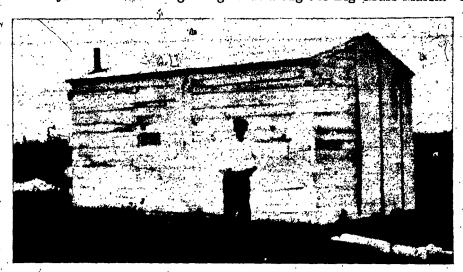
The Kinosota ridge, the most prominent of the many former beaches of prehistoric Lake Agassiz which more or less parallel the Western shore of the present Lake Manitoba appealed to them not only as a splendid road-bed but as the vertebrae of a future magnificent mixed-farming district only awaiting development. This ridge extending a distance of approximately sixty miles to near Kinosota, the site of a former Hudson's Bay Company trading post, near the head of the Lake and an average of about four or five miles out from its Western shore had been resed as a trail no doubt ever since the first habitation of man in these parts and only a few years previous had been surveyed by the Government as a public road. It was at that time a quite picturesque drive-way along the

gently winding ridge and not as yet disfigured by motor traffic, though the travelled path was for the most part quite narrow and more or less encroached upon by trees. Another trail also then recently surveyed followed the more open country near the Lake and was used by the early settlers much more than the Kinosota trail. It was commonly known as the Sandy Bay trail but the registered name is the Totogan trail. This trail has of course long since been abandoned.

Another then recent improvement by the Government, though taxed to the assessable lands over a period of thirty years, was the construction of drainage ditches across the splendid slope towards the lake in a little over four townships' area. These ditches, though placed at strangely irregular distances apart, were fulfilling admirably their intended purpose in removing the surplus water that formerly accumulated behind the ridges and kept the land to the East of them constantly more or less water-logged and practically unfit for cultivation.

And in addition to the dormant agricultural possibilities of the district the winter fishing on Lake Manitoba was then already an industry of importance, especially to the early pioneers, though the hardy fishermen of those days were obliged to haul their frozen catch many miles to market, chiefly to Westbourne and Gladstone. And they didn't have comfortably heated vans either. It was the open sleigh and faithful slow-moving team for it. But the catch was usually wonderful and well need it be for the prices paid were very meagre indeed. It was a common sight to see loads of frozen fish, mostly jackpike and pickerel, piled up on sleighs and which after a haul of perhaps twenty or thirty miles, frequently in frigid weather, brought only two or three cents a pound. One old-timer says as low as half a cent a pound.

At that time and for a number of years previous a colony of Icelandic people settled at or in the vicinity of Big Point and a few others further North along the Lake. Another small colony had settled at Marshland where they found favorable grazing lands along the Big Grass Marsh. To



LANGRUTH'S FIRST RESIDENT, A. T. WILLIAMS AND HIS TEMPORARY HOME

the South in the Lakeland district there had been some settlers for years, though with very little land under cultivation in most cases, as also further North sparsely scattered settlements as far as Kinosota and principally along the Lake. And here and there a thriving rancher occupied a choice grazing range, all chiefly on the lake front. Big Point was a favorite ranching site for years before the advent of the Icelandic people. Of these early ranchers an outstanding successful one was the late Mr. Mat. Hall, Sr., of Lakeland, a man very popularly known to most everyone in this part of the province.

A word about the Icelandic people, though this subject is being dealt with elsewhere in this volume and by one more informed and better qualified to do so than the writer. The first winter we had this land the writer came West to look after our interests and particularly to try and have a railway station located on our land. I drove from Westbourne as was the case many times later using a team of bronchos and cutter supplied by my host and jovial good-natured friend Mr. Guy Fallow of



Williams' shack the only building. G. W. Langdon and land seekers from Ontario.

the Westbourne Hotel, and who by the way had been a former rancher at Big Point. My destination on that occasion was Big Point and I recall driving down the Big Point road through an avenue of tall poplar trees much of the way. I spent the night at Thorleifson's, my very good friends ever since. The following day the late Mr. Olafur Thorleifson accompanied me about Big Point and I met a number of very agreeable people indeed. They were enthused as one might suppose over the prospect of perhaps a little town so near their settlement and I was pleased to find that they had already sent a petition to the railway company making the request for a station where we also desired it or at least convenient to the Big Point road. So it was unnecessary for me to go further on that quest. That was my introduction to the Icelanders and I cannot speak too highly of the part they have continued to take in all matters affecting the advancement of the community and general welfare. They took a special interest in

the development of the little town from the outset and many of their young men were among our pioneer merchants. The Icelanders adopted Canada upon their arrival in the country as perhaps no other nationality from a non-British country and there are no better Canadians.

In this attempted little tribute to the Icelanders I trust I am in no way detracting from the very estimable qualities of so many of our other early settlers who have had an equal part in making the district what it is today. In fact, I dare say there are few communities in the West where the people have worked together so successfully in the promotion of so many worthy enterprises.

Andy Lasson, Sr., George Lukus, John Toth and Louis Huyber, Hungarian settlers had recently located a little to the South-East. They selected choice lands and were very industrious. Andy Lasson extended



AN EARLY LAND-SEEKER AND SETTLER'S SHACK

his holdings so that at the time of his death in 1928 he was very successfully farming six quarter-sections. I consider Mr. Lasson was one of the best grain farmers we have ever had in the district. I am only referring here to the pioneer Hungarians as the subject of our Hungarian colony, all good and prospering citizens is being specially covered by another writer.

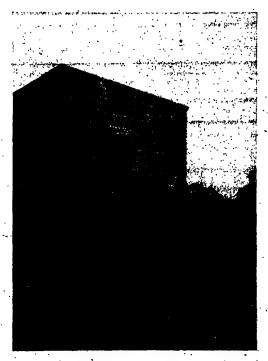
The nearest settlers to the present Langruth at that time were about two or three miles in each direction. To the East was Big Point hall on the site of the hall recently removed, and which was probably among the first community halls in the Province. To the North Thos. G. Moorhead and Robert Long had located a few years previously, the former having a little store with a Post Office in it named Hollywood after his former home town in Ireland. To the West were Arthur Wright and Robert Grey and to the South Henry Culley had recently taken up a Hudson's Bay section. Within these limits there was not a resident or clearing.

The partners had a special friend in Hon. Hugh Armstrong, the then Provincial Treasurer, and who accompanied the writer in waiting on the C.N.R. General Manager with the result that the station site was definitely

established. And of course this meant a townsite. A half-interest in eighty acres adjacent was transferred to the Railway Company as was the custom with townsites, the Company agreeing to do the surveying into town lots. However, the first survey, made in 1908, followed a set plan for C.N.R. townsites regardless of existing physical features with the result that a re-survey was necessary in order that Main Street would conform as near as possible with the ridge road and also be widened. This meant considerable delay as later the straightening of a bend in this road at the Southern end of the townsite, the ridge having been followed for better crossing of the little creek known to old-timers as McKeever's Creek and no doubt so-called from having been at one time the favorite camping ground of some "improved Scotchman." This same McKeever (or McIvor) may have found this to be a good place for the trapping of beavers as the wings of a former beaver dam still exist and may have existed for very many years.

The Railway Company requested the writer to suggest a name for the new townsite and as there appeared to be no existing name for the district, four different names were submitted. The first on the list was "Armstrong" and the last, a combination of the partners' names, i.e., "Langruth." It seemed a rather unlikely name when the writer wrote it down for the first time but Langruth was selected as being presumably the only one on the list which would not be duplicated in Canadian Post Offices.

Meanwhile two and a half sections of the last to the East of the townsite had been disposed of to Haney brothers, James and Fred, of

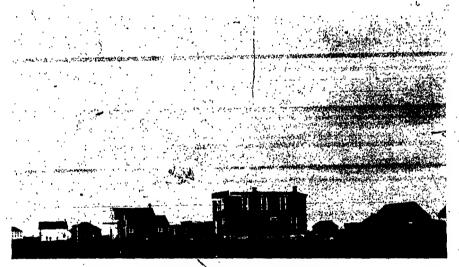


Mr. and Mrs. McLarty had just got settled, April 8th, 1910. Williams, in the buggy, just arrived from Ontario. Guy Fallow's outfit.

Strathroy, Ont., and who with James Graham of the same place, the purchaser of a section to the West of the townsite, removed to their lands in the spring of 1910. Malcolm McLarty, of Goderich, Ont., who purchased a half-section to the South removed with Mrs. McLarty to their land a little later the same spring. Haney Brothers brought with them a number of men to clear the land and construct buildings and also considerable equipment, and as by that time the steel had been laid to Langruth, they arrived on the first train carrying passengers and freight.

Previous to that for a number of years the terminus of the Oakland Branch was for a time Delta and later Totogan, a little hamlet on the White Mud River, a few miles up from Cawdor, then known as The Landing or McArthur's Landing. A townsite had been surveyed at Totogan and a number of lots sold but all buildings of this erstwhile little town soon disappeared with the extension of the railway further North.

In April of the same year, 1910, the writer, who had in the meantime taken over his partner's real estate interests, brought with him from Ontario a practical builder to construct the first buildings on the townsite. His name was Alfred T. Williams. Mr. Williams made the first clearings on the townsite and constructed a temporary house for himself a little to the East of where Hannesons' store stands. Until then the only indications of a coming town were the survey lines marking the streets and



July, 1912. The first buildings. The boarding house and stable. Langruth Trading Co. store. Erlendsons store. Long's stable.

lots. And so Mr. Williams was Langruth's first resident. That is, our first human resident. Indeed, Mr. Williams reported seeing a moose on the townsite shortly after his arrival and of course coyotes and jumpers were much more numerous than at present. Coyotes especially and often the nights were made hideous with their mournful howlings. Also an occasional bear prowled about.

As it appeared that a public stopping place was the most needed building to get the proposed new town going the writer had Mr. Williams construct what was known as the Boarding House, but before this building



# LANGRUTH TRADING COMPANY Soffanias and Freeman Helgason on Picture

Original store built in 1910 by three partners, Bjorn Bjarnarson/Soffanias and G. Freeman Helgason. Operated jointly by them until B. Bjarnarson sold his share to the Helgason Brothers in 1913 to start an Implement business with his brother Karl. This business they sold to Gudni Thorleifson in 1914, B. Bjarnarson again became part owner of the store in 1916, with his brother Karl they bought Carl Lindal's share, who had previously bought from the Helgason brothers in 1914. The store was operated by the Bjarnarson brothers until 1938, when Karl sold his share to Bjorn and moved to Baldur. The old store was destroyed by fire in 1936, and a new store was built the same year, now under partnership of B. Bjarnarson and R. Wyatt Polson.

#### POST OFFICE

In 1911 Langruth was granted a Post Office and the office was in the Langruth Trading Store. Later it was taken over by R. Long.



At Moorhead's 1909. Robt. Long and G. W. Langdon with Guy Fallow's outfit, T. G. Moorhead and Wm. Moorhead. Ruth took the picture.

was fully completed three enterprising young men of Big Point, Bjorn Bjarnarson, Freeman Helgason and A. S. Helgason (Sophie) formed themselves into a partnership known as The Langruth Trading Company and constructed in short order a general store building, which proved to be a going concern from the start. It was on the site of the present modern store building of this firm and which has continued under the able manage-



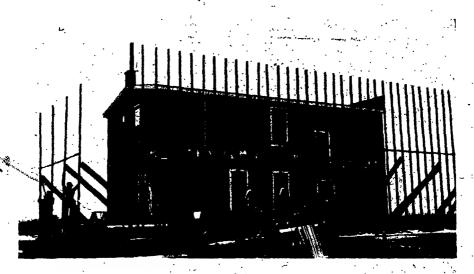
#### LOOKING SOUTH ON MAIN STREET

Former Municipal Office, Lakeview Municipality. Established in 1920. The first office was on Broadway Ave., then equipment was moved to Mr. Langdon's office on Main St.

Second building is the Telephone Office, chief operator, Elsie Holmes. Next building is the new Municipal building under construction.

#### TELEPHONE

In 1914 Langruth got telephones with "Central" at Erlendson's store, later moved to Long's Implement shed, later in the post office building and then taken over by Mrs. Elsie Holmes who built an office on Main St.



ment of Mr. Bjarnarson except for an interval of three years when he and his brother Karl operated an implement business just South of the store and the store business had been taken over by Helgason Brothers, joined later by C. F. Lindal. The original store building which had been enlarged and improved from time to time was unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1936.

Mr. Williams and his able gang were kept busy during the next few years constructing buildings both in the village and country. He passed away in January, 1920, at his residence at the South of the village where the writer and family have since resided. Mr. Williams was for a few years Police Magistrate.



ROBERT LONG



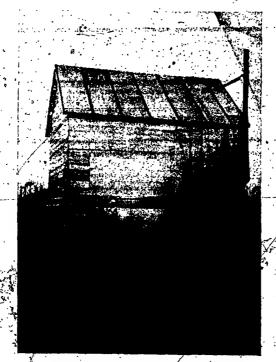
WILLIAM MALALIGHTIN AND ROBERT LONG

As to the Boarding House, it was operated by three or four different parties, the first being Wm. Lightfoot who came West with the Haneys. It was of course traded by the writer on farm lands and in the spring of 1913 was secured by Wm. Grant, a hotel-man of Portage la Prairie and enlarged to give Langruth a hotel. The boarding house was the Southern part of the present Ridge Hotel back as far as the kitchen.

The next building was Robert Long's implement warehouse and a residence, of at least a stable which was used as a residence in the meantime, Mr. and Mrs. Long having moved in from the farm with their little nephew—adopted son Charlie McLaughlin, who as C. W. McLaughlin was destined to become one of our most successful business men. He continued the expanding implement, auto and garage business after Mr. Long's death in 1919 and until his own untimely death in 1948. Two years before his death Mr. McLaughlin replaced the former buildings by a large modern garage and implement building but which was unfortunately destroyed by fire in January of the present year. In fact, Langruth has had much more than its share of destructive fires.

Going back to 1910, Mrs. Williams having arrived from Ontario, she and Mrs. Long were our first women residents. I think that Mrs. Williams was a little the first. Mr. Williams next constructed a residence for himself across the street from Mr. Long's and which also was destroyed by fire a few years ago. A few smaller buildings were built later in the year and 1910 saw the new town off at a fair start.

In the spring of 1911 two brothers, also of Big Point, Finnbogi and



The first women residents, Mrs. Long and Mrs. Williams. Longs lived in the stable while their house was being built.

Erlendur Erlendson (Fred and Ed) constructed our second general store and for a number of years carried on a very successful and expanding business. This building was on the site of the present modern store of Johanson Brothers. Within three years Erlendson Brothers had also constructed the two fine residences opposite their store. The first baby born



ERLENDSONS' STORE AND RESIDENCE

Left to right: I. Olafson, drayman, F. Erlendson, Sigurdur and Katrin
Tomason, Erlendur and E. G. Erlendson.



FIRST CHILDREN BORN IN LANGRUTH
Johann Arnold Erlendson, born July 8, 1912. Signidur Margaret Catherine Erlendson, born July 31. 1912.

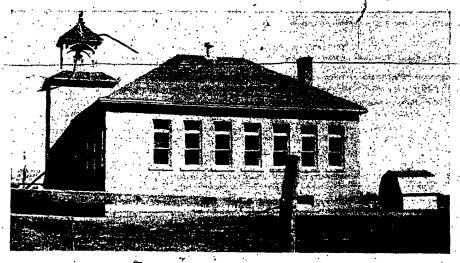
in Langruth was Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Erlendson, born in 1912, and a little later the first baby girl, Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Erlendson arrived.

The same spring Mr. Williams constructed a manse for the Lutheran congregation and the minister, Rev. B. Thorarinson, moved in from Big Point. Langruth got its first Post Office in 1911, with B. Bjarnarson as Postmaster. But the mail was not carried by train until July, 1914. Previous to that it was mail delivery by horse express from Westbourne to the various Post Offices as far North as Kinosota. Outlying Post Offices closed one by one as trading centres and better facilities for travel developed, those closed within the range of Langruth being Hollywood, Wild Oak (at Big Point), Addingham (at N. Lakeland) and Marshland. Following Mr. Bjarnarson F. Helgason was Postmaster for a time and then Robt. Long and C. W. McLaughlin, each for a number of years, and at present Mrs. McLaughlin is our Postmistress.

Ivor Bjornson and Sigurdur Finnbogason were pioneers of 1911, and R. F. Matthews, from Ontario, who had purchased a half-section of the original block for a time occupied the Boarding House. Mr. Matthews later carried on a very successful lumber business for a number of years.

In the latter part of 1911 John Hanneson and Magnus Johnson opened barber shop and pool room, which was taken over by the latter the following year and Mr. Hanneson with his brother Tryggvi later established a hardware business. This business proved to be a very successful one from the start and has continued to steadily expand. Tryggvi withdrew from the firm to enlist in the First World War. In 1947 the original building was replaced by a very substantial and modern one, a great credit to Mr. Hanneson and to Langruth, and now Mr. Hanneson has as his very able partners his two sons, George and Leonard.

Langruth school was constructed in the spring of 1912. Until then the nearest school was nearly four miles to the South-East, known as Poplar Leaf School, a cement building which still stands. The first Langruth



The Langruth school was built in 1912, a consolidated district being formed. It was used for years for religious services, meetings, dances, etc.

children were driven to it, with Mr. Jos. Falconer as their teacher. R. F. Matthews was the first van driver. Langruth school opened for the fall term of 1912 and a Miss Williams, of Gladstone, was the first teacher. A petition had been circulated in 1910 for the formation of a consolidated district and the then Minister of Education, Hon. Mr. Coldwell, came to Langruth and addressed a meeting in the newly constructed Langruth Trading Company store in that connection, this being the first public meeting held in Langruth. A consolidated district of thirty-seven sections was formed the following year and the trustees decided on the construction of a substantial white brick building which served for years not only as a school but as a community centre, being used for church services, social events and public meetings in general. The first trustees were: Thos. G. Moorhead, Robt. Long, Bodvar Johnson, Chas. Parsons and A. T. Williams.

In 1919 it was found necessary to divide the teaching room into two separate rooms and a few years later a separate building was constructed for a third room and later a fourth room was added. At present these rooms are over-crowded and it is necessary to use space in the Community Hall for a fifth class. A substantial new six-room school building is now contemplated, thus showing the growth of the population during the past few years. The present trustees are: Mrs. V. Bjarnarson (chairman), Mrs. G. W. Langdon, V. A. Johnson, H. Tomasson and Helgi Thompson.



# HANNESON BROTHERS HARDWARE

Built in 1915, by John and Tryggvi Hanneson, later Tryggvi sold his share to John. In 1946 George and Leonard, with their father, tore down the old store and built a modern store.

The consolidated system has proven a boon to many a child, especially to those living at a distance, in providing not only safe and comfortable transportation but also regular attendance and larger classes. The additional necessary taxes have been nothing as compared with such advantages to the children.

Also in 1912 Edward Armstrong opened our first butcher shop, I. Olafson had the first livery business, John Oliver the first blacksmith shop and J. H. Johnson the first "fish-house."



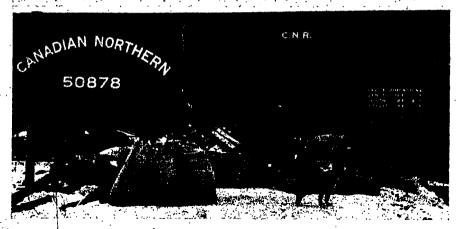
BLACKSMITH SHOP

Built by Jack Oliver in 1912. Several have owned it since then, some of whom are: Gudni Thorleifson, Eyvindur Eyvindson, John Thorsteinson, Bjorn Christianson, Kjartan Eyvindson. The present owner is Sverre Johanneson.



LANGRUTH'S FIRST TRAIN

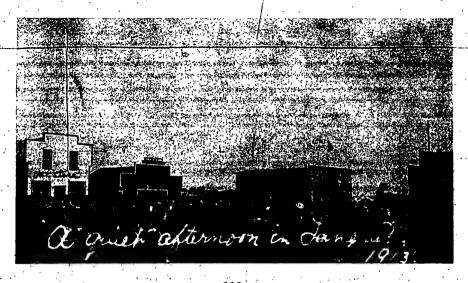
Langruth's train service started off with one regular train a week and without a station or agent. For a time the freight was simply unloaded at the crossing for the consignees to come and get it. Later a temporary station was brought in on a flat car and in 1916 the present substantial station was constructed. R. Hay was the first resident agent and later George Fitzsimmons, who has since been agent almost continuously. The road-bed for a few years was so rough that trains were obliged to travel at a crawling pace and at very irregular hours. But deep down in our hearts we all loved the old "flyer." It always got us there somehow.



BEFORE LANGRUTH HAD A STATION

Mr. Williams was the possessor of the first automobile at Langruth, a model T of course. That was in 1911. We held our first Langruth picnic that year and an eventful day it was for many who had the joy of their first auto ride by paying Mr. Williams a small fee. During the years that followed Langruth kept up well with the auto pace so that by the year 1920, auto traffic had apparently become such a public menace that our first Lakeview council found it necessary to pass a by-law limiting the speed to ten miles an hour in the villages of Langruth and Amaranth and thirty miles an hour elsewhere in the municipality.

A second picnic was held the following year and with such success that the ambitious committee of 1913 decided to make it something special. In fact, they invited the premier, Hon. Rodmond Roblin. Mr. Roblin very graciously accepted and plans were laid for a real gala day. The weather proved ideal and the people flocked from far and near. Not every one





Left to right: Harry Robertshaw, Valimar Erlendson, Pete Halldorson, Finnbogi Erlendson, Freeman Helgason, John Oliver, Erlendur Erlendson, John Finnbogason, Ben Cook.

then had an auto but close to one hundred were parked along our streets. We also had a special train from Portage and in lieu of a band a Scotch piper arrived to lead the jubilation of "the baby town's third birthday" Eleven baseball teams took part in a grand tournament and of course most of Sandy Bay were camped North of the village for a few days. The premier got a rousing reception and expressed himself as surprised at the big turn-out. He predicted great things for the district. Mr. Roblin was followed by our local member, Hon. Dr. Armstrong, and also by Mr. Arthur Meighen, the then new member for Portage la Prairie and destined to become Premier of Canada. Mr. Roblin assured us that the telephone system would be extended to Langruth the following year and that the railway would shortly be extended about fifteen miles further

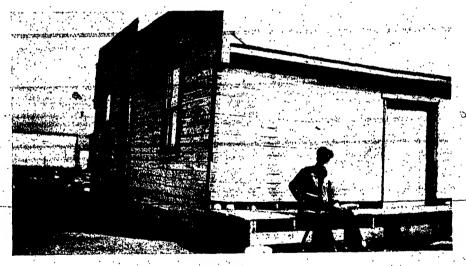


LANGRUTH PICNIC, AT THE SCHOOL

North. This latter request by the way did not come from the Langruth people. They were quite satisfied to be at the end of the line. A new townsite was shortly after laid out at the end of the proposed extension and named Amaranth as suggested by Councillor Robt. Johnson from the name of the township which he and his brother "Ed" and "Jo" Cooper had come from in Ontario.

That picnic was a real "hum-dinger" and it put Langruth on the map. Of course some of our good friends were kind enough to ascribe much of the hilarity of the occasion to the fact that the Ridge Hotel had just recently been opened. To say the least, Billy Grant that day did a rushing business. That of course was prior to the days of the Liquor Control Act.

Like many other Western towns at some time or other in their history, Langruth had its little oil excitement. Billy Grant was drilling a well behind the hotel and D. C. McArthur, a geologist and a former Landing boy, was stopping at the hotel and examining from time to time the samples brought up by the drill. When drilling was down a considerable distance some joker one night poured a little oil down the pipe. This led to considerable excitement and a party came up from Portage, including a supposed oil man from the U.S., who pronounced the possibilities as real good, at least according to the Portage Review, which carried a front page article on the subject. Of course our "oily" hopes soon vanished but a heavy suspicion rested on Billy Grant.



S. B. OLSON'S LUMBER YARD, MAIN STREET

That year Steini B. Olson, of Big Point, established our first separate lumber business which he successfully operated for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Olson are now residing at the Coast. Also in 1913 Gudni Thorleifson, of Big Point, took over the blacksmith business and later the implement business from Bjarnarson Bros, which together with the auto business Mr. Thorleifson continued for a number of years in a new location. S. B. Benedictson and John Finnson were pioneers of 1913 and Wm. Holmes, who later operated a dray business which was taken over by his son Alexander, who retired only the present year after thirty years in this business.

In October, 1913, M. Johnson's pool room and barber shop just North of the hotel took fire in the night and there was much excitement in the successful effort to save the hotel which was full of guests. Later, in 1915, Hannesons' store was constructed on the site, Mr. Johnson having re-built across the street.



MILITIA BOYS AT CAMP HUGHES

Back row: William Doar, Arnor Thompson, Eyvindur Thompson, Albert Thordarson.

Front row: William James, Stefan Johnson, Lancelot Allardyce, Harold D. Wilson.



LANGRUTH BOYS OF THE 223rd REGIMENT AUGUST 3, 1916

Front Row: John Oliver, Peter Eyvindson, Karl Bjarnarson, Valdimar Bjarnarson, Valdimar Erlendson, Valdimar Valdimarson, John Finnbogason.
Back Row: A. Soffanias Helgason, Gudmundur Olafson, Oli Lingholt, Thorsteinn Thorsteinnson, Thorarin Finnbogason, Ingimundur Olafson and Kristjan Alfred.

The outstanding event of 1914 was of course the First World War and we are proud to record that the people of Langruth and district were soon taking their part liberally in patriotic efforts and that a number of their finest young men were volunteering for Overseas service. As these magnificent efforts of our community in both World Wars is being fully dealt with elsewhere in this volume I only wish to add that we believe the entire district of Lakeview has a war record surpassed by few municipalities of its size and population in the West. To those who actively served their country our highest esteem and admiration, and those who did not return we hold in revered memory.

May 16th, 1914, the village had a narrow escape from a terrific bush fire which started about two miles to the South and was carried by an unusually high wind through the heavy bush East of the railway, consuming everything in its path. It also leaped across the railway as it neared the village. Langruth had at that time outside communication only by the railway telephone line, although the local lines were then under construction and a number of car-loads of poles were piled up on the station grounds. The C.N.R. sent up a special train from Portage to protect the station buildings and these poles and to remove some cars of their ties and lumber. In the meantime some of the poles of the railway line got burned down, thus closing off all communication and the Portage Review carried a large bead-line article to the effect that by last reports from Langruth there was little hope of saving the village. Fortunately, the next issue of the paper could state that "the residents, men, women and children, by back-firing and bucket work finally won a heroic fight against the flames."

By June 30th the local lines had been installed and the writer has a diary entry to the effect that on that date he made the first long distance call from Langruth, being to the Portage Review, and calling attention to this important event. The first telephone office was installed in Erlendson Bros. store, with Miss Runa Johannson (later Mrs. Garrett) our first "hello" girl. Langruth exchange started off with 48 phones. This has now been increased to 235.

That same year, 1914, the late Mr. Pickel, the enterprising publisher of the Portage Review established the Langruth Weekly Herald which continued to faithfully serve Langruth and district and the districts further North during the following eleven years and proved to be a valuable contribution to the advancement of these communities. Unfortunately, the financial returns to Mr. Pickel were not at all commensurate with the paper's usefulness and accordingly it was obliged to cease publication. Local writers contributed freely to its columns and the late David S. Sands, of Bluff Creek, will ever be associated in our minds with the Herald for his very interesting and witty column. Also our Mrs. Thorleifson, as "Hecla," contributed a column in her usual able and pleasing style and "Big Ridge" spent many an hour endeavoring to boost things through its pages.

It is interesting to note the names of the various local advertisers who took space in Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Herald. They are given here in order beginning with page 1:

Mrs. Anna Baker, Langruth Boarding House. Mrs. G. Johnson, Ladies' and Men's Tailoring. Mike Johnson, Barber Shop and Pool Room. Robt. Long, Massey-Harris Machinery, Etc.
A. T. Williams, Auto Livery, Contracting, Etc.
Olafson & Sons, Livery, Feed and Sale Stables.
S. B. Benedictson, Painting, Paper Hanging.
Langruth Trading Company, General Store.
Bjarnarson Bros., Farm Machinery, Etc.
Erlendson Bros., General Store.
S. B. Olson, Lumber, Etc.
Cooper & Haddad, Amaranth General Store.
Ridge Hotel, Langruth's Famous Hostelry.
Geo. W. Langdon, Real Estate, Langruth Town Lots.

By 1916 other advertisers were:

Ivar Jonarson, Shoe Repairs.
Hanneson Bros., Hardware.
Chas. Parsons, Cockshutt Machinery.
Wm. Smith, Well Driller.
T. W. Brown, Ridge Hotel.

Carl F. Lindal became associated with the Largruth Trading Co. in 1914 for a couple of years and later carried on a butcher business almost continuously until his death in September last. Mr. Lindal possessed considerable musical ability and took part generously in social events as well as frequently directing the music at Lutheran church services and



presiding at the organ. Shortly after he came to Langruth Mr. Lindal instituted the Langruth Brass Band which we were quite proud of. However, it only existed two or three years. Some of its members enlisted for Overseas service and the Band never revived following the war.

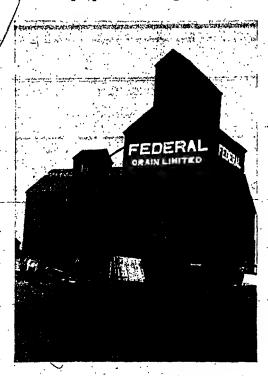
That year Mrs. Anna Baker constructed a boarding house which she successfully operated for a number of years, A. S. Helgason withdrew from the Trading Co. and upon his return from Overseas opened the first confectionery, Miss Valdimarson opened a millinery store and Wm. Grant disposed of the hotel to Thos. W. Brown and removed to Amaranth. Also Dr. H. J. Hjaltason became our first resident doctor. We had other doctors

over a number of years but the past few years have been without a resident one. However, we have been efficiently served by our very faithful nurses, Mrs. Bjarnarson and Mrs. Matthews. Percy Halldorson was also a pioneer of 1914 and Mrs. Sigurborg Gottfred.

I wish to mention two of our outstanding teachers. Mr. G. I. H. Garrett arrived from London, Ont., in 1914 and Langruth was his first school in the West. Mr. Garrett later became one of the outstanding Collegiate teachers of the Province and was for a number of years Principal of Portage la Prairie Collegiate. Mrs. Thorleifson who taught for a total of seven years, besteles being a most faithful and efficient teacher, has always taken on outstanding part in all good causes of the community. Mrs. Thorleifson instituted our first Sunday School,

As the subject of our ladies' organization is being dealt with by other writers I only wish to add that our women's patriotic organizations during both world wars our Women's Institute, and the Ladies' Aid Societies of our churches have been simply marvellous. What community could fail to be outstanding with such wonderful women. I wish to mention specially another who has been an outstanding leader in all worthy community efforts and beginning with our Langruth pioneer days, namely, Mrs. Helga Hanneson.

Thus far I have been dealing mainly with pioneer conditions together with some pioneer events and personages, being the main purpose of this "sketch." From now on I propose touching only on some special matters.

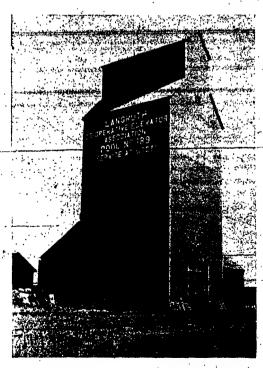


In 1915 J. H. Metcalfe, of Portage la Prairie, established our first grain market and with Robt. Long as buyer. Later Wiley, Low Co. constructed

our first grain elevator with the late "Jo" Cooper in charge. We have since had various grain companies operating, including McMillan Bros., who constructed our second elevator and at present we have the commodious elevators of The Manitoba Pool and Federal Grain Ltd., with H. Brown and V. A. Johnson, respectively, in charge.

1916 was important for the institution of the Langruth Agricultural Society and the holding of our first Fall Fair. This organization existed as a going concern during the following nine years and each year conducted a very successful Fair which became recognized as among the best fairs of the province for a small community. Other activities directed by this Society were plowing matches, dressed poultry shows, two short Courses in Agriculture and later Boys' and Girls' Fairs. Thus the Agricultural Society proved to be of incalculable value in promoting good farming and good domestic work. Its first officials were: President, Mat Hall; First Vice-President, Thos. Gaunt; Second Vice-President, Bodvar Johnson; Secretary-Treasurer, G. W. Langdon. Other Directors, Magnus Peterson, Martin Jackson, Jo Johannson, A. N. Smith, S. B. Olson and O. H. Hanneson.

By the year 1917 many of the rate-payers of the district had become desirous of breaking away from the large Rural Municipality of Westbourne and forming a separate municipality. In addition to the inconvenience of the municipal office being at Gladstone we desired to retain all possible business for our own district. Also, it would appear that the Eastern portion of Westbourne was at times not getting equitable treatment in some matters. A petition was therefore submitted to the Government and a large delegation accompanied its presentation requesting the separate municipality. However, Westbourne Council made certain suggestions to the Government including that the Eastern part have three



councillors instead of only two as previously and this the delegation accepted for the time being and until after the war..

In the early part of 1920 a petition was again submitted to the Government to form a separate municipality. The rate-payers of the present Lakeview area had voted favorably on a by-law to construct a "Memorial Agricultural Hall" which project was fostered by the Agricultural Society and to be in memory of the men of the district who had fallen in the First World War. But although the cost of this proposed building was to be taxed only to the lands in this area there appeared to be quite unnecessary delay on the part of Westbourne Council in taking the further necessary steps to secure the funds for this purpose, thus reviving the separate municipality question. The writer was elected a councillor of Westbourne with a view of promoting this proposed break-away and in drafting the petition in this connection suggested the name "Lakeview" as appropriate. Again a large delegation of our rate-payers waited on the Government and this time our request was granted and Lakeview was proclaimed a municipality as at April 10th, 1920. Lakeview originally included approximately ten townships and



LAKEVIEW'S FIRST OFFICIALS AT FIRST COUNCYL MEETING IN LANGRUTH SCHOOL, MAY 8, 1929

First row, left to right: Councillor Magnus Peterson, Ward 3; Reeve G. W. Langdon; Councillor J. M. Birney, Ward 5; Councillor John Arksey, Ward 2. Second row: Councillor Alf W. Law, Ward 4; Councillor Geo. M. Hall, Ward 1; Thor Finnbogason, Weed Inspector. Third row: Councillor Earl Davidson, Ward 6; Edward Hughes, Secretary-Treasurer; Thos. Robertshaw, Assessor.

Gudni Thorleifson who took the snapshot was in reality the first municipal official, having been appointed by the Government as Returning Officer to conduct the first election.

Reeves have been as follows: G. W. Langdon, to September, 1927; F. J. Dell, September, 1927, 1928, 1932, 1933, 1942, 1943; Geo. M. Hall, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1934 to 1941 inclusive; G. F. Thordarson, 1944 and to the present (1950).

Mr. Hughes was Secretary-Treasurer for one month only, then Mrs. S. G. Gibson, until she removed to Winnipeg, September, 1927.

extended as for North as the North end of township twenty. It was divided into six wards.

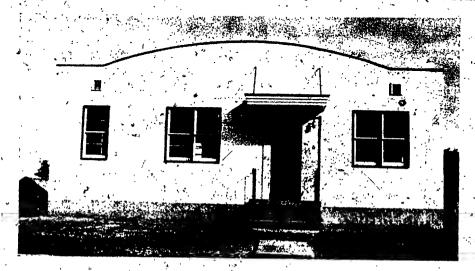
The new municipality had its little troubles at the start but the following year the Auditor's report gave us the following commendation:



# SHORT COURSE STUDENTS

"Your municipality has every appearance of being efficiently and economically managed and if you could only collect a reasonable amount of your outstanding taxes you would be in a very favorable position."

However, within a few years Lakeview was feeling the effects of the general depression which was putting so many municipalities and business firms in financial difficulties. The situation in Lakeview was aggravated by reason of many soldier settlers having abandoned their lands, leaving unpaid taxes and such lands being owned by the Government were not subject to tax sale or further taxable. In many instances there was some



LANGRUTH MUNICIPAL HALL

excuse for these abandonments, as many of the lands selected for the soldiers by the Government were inferior. Lakeview eventually came through it all successfully, though it was necessary to request the Government to administer direct the area where there was the most difficulty in collecting taxes, namely, the Northern two wards area. This request the Government assented to as at September 1st, 1927, and from that time Lakeview has had little difficulty in financing its curtailed area of approximately six townships and as now divided into four wards.



J. Morison, J. Gardiner, R. Bott, V. Bjarnarson, G. F. Thordarson, A. M. Johnson.

I might mention two special enterprises — both under the reeveship of Mr. Hall, namely, the establishment of the Muskrat Raich in the Grass Marsh-area and the Community Pasture comprising forty-five sections, also in the Western area. The former has yearly been bringing substantial returns to the municipality and the latter is proving a great boon to the farmers and stock men. Also about that time we got a good start in improved road machinery. Under Mr. Thordarson's reeveship the Council has been keeping well astride the times in road machinery and doing considerable splendid work, particularly in road building. Also, the present year saw the construction of a substantial new municipal building, a credit to the municipality and of course municipal men in particular are quite proud of it. And although our taxes have been climbing a little due much to increased school expenses and the general inflation, the rate-payers no doubt feel they are getting good value for their money. The following comprise the present Lakeview Council: Reeve, G. F. Thordarson;

Councillors, J. L. Gardiner, A. M. Johnson, V. Bjarnarson and R. Bott, with J. E. Morison, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Royal Bank of Canada was opened at Langruth in August, 1919, with O. G. Bjornson, of Winnipeg, temporary manager. T. D. Holloway took over shortly after and there was a staff of four, with for a time a sub-branch at Amaranth open two days of the week. Later managers have been Robert Halliday, W. C. Ruggles and T. M. Willet who recently retired and has been succeeded by F. A. Thorgrimsson. Our bank managers have all been outstanding citizens taking a leading part in all worthy enterprises. The bank first took space in the front of G. Thorleifson's implement building but soon the present site was secured and the building on it made suitable. The bank has now a staff of five



THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Originally built and operated as a cafe by Soffanias Helgason until 1919, when it was bought by the Royal Bank and they moved their equipment from their office in the Imperial Harvester building. A few years ago the bank enlarged and improved the building. First manager of the bank was Oli Bjornson, succeeded by T. D. Holloway, Robert Halliday, W. C. Ruggles, T. M. Willet, Freyr Thorgrimson. The staff: R. Heibert, H. Tomason, F. Thorgrimson, A. Hildebrand and E. Thompson.

This implement warehouse was in 1920 secured by R. L. Stevenson to open our first separate garage and later he and E. P. Gibson constructed a hall of part of this building and an annex which was used for public and social meetings until the construction of our first community hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson warrant some special mention. Mr. Gibson was our assessor at times. He was a clever cartoonist and frequently delighted audiences with his skill and humor. Mrs. Gibson was our Municipal Secretary-Treasurer from shortly after Lakeview was established until September, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are now residing at the Coast.

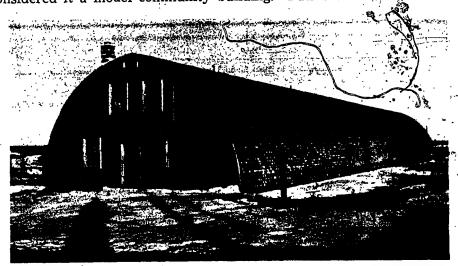
As to the proposed Memorial Agricultural Hall, our first Lakeview council decided not to proceed with this project in the meantime as the general outlook did not warrant it and particularly on account of the high cost of material and labour at the time.

In 1923 Langruth Community Club was organized and the immediate undertaking of its members was the dismantling and removal to Langruth of a former community building at Marshland which had been very generously donated by the Icelandic people for that purpose. This material we used in constructing the basement portion of our first Community Hall. It was roofed over at that and from time to time was further extended



LANGRUTH'S FIRST COMMUNITY HALL

and improved as funds were raised for the purpose until eventually we had a very nice hall indeed. That is until early one morning in October, 1934, when our prized community hall was discovered to be in flames and nothing could be done to prevent its total destruction. A second and very substantial building was soon under way. It was of first class material throughout and built with considerable forethought and care. In fact, we considered it a model community building. Full basement with kitchen



LANGRUTH CURLING RINK, BUILT IN 1948



#### LANGRUTH LEGION HALL.

Members of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., of Langruth, No. 162. Legion formed on May 4, 1945.

#### Charter Members

President: H. D. Wilson Vice-President: V. Bjarnarson Secretary: L. Hanneson

Alf DeMill
G. F. Arksey
J. G. Marteinson
R. G. Carson
W. E. Doar

W. L. Jenson
V. Erlendson
C. Harding
F. Overholt
C. W. McLaughlin

and dressing rooms, fine stage and a gallery across the rear. We were indeed very proud of it. But alas, it had only been completed a few weeks when it also burned down one morning in March, 1935, the fire beginning at about the same hour as with the former building. The origin of these fires remains a mystery though no doubt both were of incendiary origin.

A temporary bailding was used for the next two years when we constructed our third community hall, though on a much humbler scale than the preceding one. However, this structure has been gradually improved from time to time until we have our present splendid building, a credit to the community. Innumerable enjoyable functions have taken place within its walls as with our former halls and they have been of inestimable value in knitting our people together in worthy undertakings of social, educative and patriotic natures. Indeed, the very splendid teamwork of our community could not have been possible without our community centre.

The United Church building, formerly a little Methodist Church, at North Lakeland, was moved to Langruth in 1925, where it was renovated and enlarged to form the present United Church. In 1929 the Lutheran congregation constructed their beautiful and substantial edifice which has continued to serve not only for religious services but has been generously granted on many occasions for other worthy purposes.

Langruth and district have continued to forge ahead, especially during recent years. Up-to-date places of business have been constructed from .



Mr. Karaz, Owner

time to time and many very nice residences both in the town and country. Besides our splendid municipal building a beautiful and modern theatre of Quonset construction was built the present year, a great credit to the enterprising proprietor, Mr. Joseph Karaz. We have a very nice Veterans' Hall with annex for the Ladies' Auxiliary, a new Curling Rink which was constructed two years ago, a new school projected as already referred to and the people have voted favorably for a Hospital which will have Government assistance in the construction. In December last Langruth was connected up with the Provincial Hydro System and which is to be extended to the farms next year. New lands are each year being brought



STREET SCENE IN LANGRUTH

under cultivation and the country beams with prosperity. Indeed, the people are proud of their little town and district and are optimistic about the future.

My former partner "Jud" Ruth now residing at the Coast visited us two years ago and it was all a surprise to him. The last time he was here Langruth didn't have a name and there was not a clearing on the spot. He later wrote us: "Langruth is one of the best little towns in the West."

THE END



LEONARD, JOHN AND GEORGE HANNESON



STREET SCENE ON MAIN STREET, LOOKING NORTH



#### LAURA'S STYLE SHOPPE

Originally built by Soffanias Helgason, as a cafe, it was moved to present site in 1928, by Hjortur and Oskar Tomason, who continued to run it as a cafe until 1930 when Miss Laura Valdimarson, later Mrs. John Finnbogason, bought it and operated it until 1946, when she sold the stock and changed it to the present Style Shoppe.



### LANGRUTH GARAGE

Original site was owned by S. B. Olson who had a lumber yard. The present building was built by Johann and Bjarni Johanson in 1935. Later they sold to Lawter-Archer. Present owners are: Arnold Dell, Joseph Dell, A. Heibert.



LANGRUTH TRADING COMPANY

Left to right: Wyatt Polson, Bill Arksey, Bjorn Bjarnarson, Billy Erlendson.



# RIDGE HOTEL

Built by Mr. G. W. Langdon in 1910, as a "Stopping-place." Mr. and Mrs. William Lightfoot operated it for one winter as a boarding house, Jack Oliver taking over. In 1913 Mr. William Grant bought it and ran it as a boarding house for a short time with Mrs. Anna Baker as housekeeper. Later that, summer Mr. Grant built an addition to it, and named it "The Ridge Hotel," later sold it to Thomas Brown, and again taking over for a few years, then sold to Fred Rosger, who sold it in 1933 to John Fedora. Present owner is M. Cherrichan.



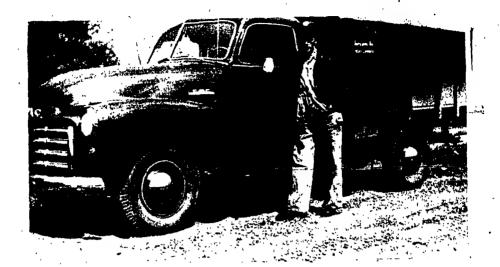
EMBERLY-DeMILL Massey-Harris Dealers

Originally built by Herbert Robertshaw and run as a cafe until he sold to Mr. James Emberly in 1940. Later an addition was built by the present owners, Clarence Emberly, Alfred DeMill.



LYE AND SON, LUMBER

The first lumber yard was owned and operated by S. B. Olson on the site where Langruth Garage now stands. In 1934 Mr. Fred Matthews constructed lumber yard buildings for Lye and Son of Macgregor, Man., and operated it for five years on Broadway Ave. Then decided to go into business for himself and the buildings were moved to Main St. with S. P. Einarson (as Manager.

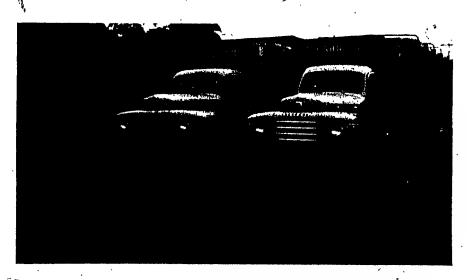


IMPERIAL OIL Elvern Sorenson, Manager.



RED AND WHITE STORE

Originally built in 1911 by Finnbogi and Erlendur Erlendson. Later Erlendur sold his share to his brother, Finnbogi. Other proprietors were Ame Haddad, in 1920; Mr. Boehm and Mr. Shackleford. In 1941 Haddad took over and built a new store, using old building for storage. The store was bought by Johann and Bjarni Johanson in 1945, when Mr. Haddad moved out. Now under same management. The staff, 1950: Johann Johanson, Bjarni Johanson, Alice Holmes, Charles Organ, Emily Hildebrand.



LANGRUTH TRANSFER William and Roy Kinley



## INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

Business started by Bjorn and Karl Bjarnarson in 1913, who sold out to Gudni Thorleifson in 1914. Some years later Erling Gibson and R. L. Stevenson took over the building and ran it as a garage, building an addition, which was used as a dance hall. Bjorn Christianson taking over from then. In 1934 Johann and Bjarni Johannson, having taken over the Cockshutt Agency from J. Hanneson, had this building until they built a new garage further north on Main St. In 1936 the building was torn down. In the meanwhile G. Thorleifson had built the present building, selling the business to John Finnbogason in 1940. The staff, 1950; John Finnbogason, Waldimar Erlendson, Ed. Schneider.

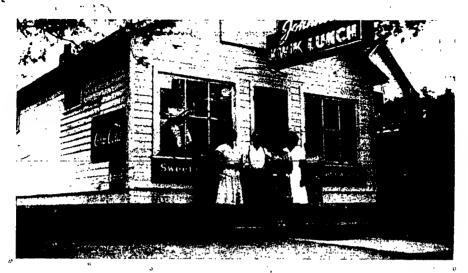


RIDGE LUMBER COMPANY
Built by Fred Matthews in 1937. Manager: Gordon Matthews.



BARBER SHOP AND BEAUTY SHOP

The first Barber and Billiard Shop was started in 1911 by Magnus Johnson, on William Ave., behind Langruth Trading, later John Hanneson took over and moved the shop to location just north of hotel on Main St. His interest was bought by Magnus Johnson early in 1913, and that year, in the summer, was destroyed by fire. In 1914 Mr. Johnson built the present shop on the west side of Main St. and operated it until he left. Since then several different men have operated the shop under the management of his wife, Ingibjorg Johnson. Their son, Clifford, taking over in April, 1947. In 1949 Mrs. Johnson moved her Beauty Shop equipment into a part of the building.



### JOHNNY'S QUICK LUNCH

The building was brought in from Macdonald, by Stanley Robertshaw. He sold the business to John Hyndman in 1949.

Left to right: Mrs. J. Hyndman, John Hyndman, Annabelle Johnstone, Margaret Bosworth, May Matthews.



### LANGRUTH BUTCHER SHOP

Ed. Armstrong built the first butcher shop on Main St. on the site where the pool room building now stands, few years later the building was sold to Einar Eyvindson, who moved it to where it now is, northeast of town. Carl Lindal started a butcher shop in 1916 on William Ave., east of Langruth Trading store, later building a larger shop on Main St. in 1925. William Hall rented that shop from Mr. Lindal in 1930, later moving into Ivar Jonason's shop, and Lindal took over his own shop. In 1939 he sold out to Christopher Eyvindson. In 1942 Carl Lindal built the present building. After his death, in 1949, it was sold to Frank Collinson.



RUSSELL GARAGE, 1950



BUILT IN 1910 BY ROBERT LONG

In 1940 Charles McLaughlin tore down the old building and built a modern garage with the Post Office on the north. This building was destroyed by fire in 1950. A quonset building is now being erected on the site. Owner is Frank Russell.



IVAR BUCKNSSON JONASON

Was built by Magnus Kaprasiuson, on William Ave. Some years later Ivar Jonason had a shop on Main St. and rented to Walter Paul. His shop was changed later to a bake shop run by Stephan Thorlakson. The first bake shop was on Broadway; run by Maurice and Henry Beaudette. His son, Peter, was a German prisoner of war for four years.

### **AMANA**

### By Mrs. Noble Smith

### THE SETTLER

Bless then, our God, the new yoked plough
And the good beasts that draw
And the bread we eat in the sweat of our brow
According to thy law.
After us cometh a multitude,
Prosper the work of our hands
That we may feed with our land's food
The folk of all our lands.

Kipling.

From "Native-Born" from The Seven Seas by Rudyard Kipling, and used with the permission of Mrs, George Bambridge, A. P. Watt & Son and The McMillan Company of Canada Limited.

As the Lakeland District, which was termed "The Settlement" in the early days, expanded towards the west it became necessary to form another school district. Several families had moved in and when my father, Alfred Rear arrived with his family in 1897 there were enough children to demand a school, so the people organized and approached the Department of Education and the red tape was unrolled. But it was two years before our school was finally opened, with Olive Oswald of Portage la Prairie in charge of the thirteen pupils. A splendid and inspiring teacher she was too. The pride the people and pupils took in the school was worthy of



Amana School in 1909

note. For the first two years the school was open only from April till Christmas. The ratepayers were W. T. Watson, Alfred Rear, Mr. Knowsley, James McPherson, the Hutchinson brothers and James Shannon. The School District of Amana No. 928 was named by James McPherson, the

name being found in the Songs of Solomon 4-8. The year the school was opened a few more settlers moved in, the Thorsteinson family, John Austman, Mr. Blanchard and Noble Smith. Noble's brother, D. W. Smith, came two years later. For a number of years a literary society was enjoyed by the people young and old, during the winter months, the meetings being held in the school house. There were church services held regularly on Sunday afternoons in the building too. George McRae of Gladstone and Alfred Rear organized a sunday School in the Amana district in 1898 and until the school was built the children gathered each Sunday afternoon in Mr. Rear's house. After the school was opened the Sunday School was held regularly for many years.

Of the elder of the old timers only Mrs. James McPherson, who now lives in Vancouver, survives. When we first came here the Lakeland Post Office was kept by Mr. Knowsley in a house that stood on the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Puddicombe, who keep the Post Office at the present time. Mr. Knowsley kept the office only a short time, then Mr. M. R. Miller took over the farm and kept the post office till the house was burned, that was about 1902, when the post office was moved to Albert Westwood's, the place now owned by Dalton Smith. When Westwood sold to Bob Arbothnot the Howlette family took over for a while on the place where Paul Beivin now lives. But soon Mr. Arbothnot agreed to take charge and there it remained until Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibbings took it, and with Mrs. Gibbings it remained until she sold her home a few short years ago.

If today's people will take notice of a stony-looking gravel pit on the east side of the big ridge road about half a mile north of the Lakeland crossing—just under the fence-mark this was once a Lime Kiln where lime was burned to plaster the log houses in the district. It was made by Mr. Alexander, the man who homesteaded the farm Mr. Wilf Puddicombe now lives on. Some of the log houses with sod roofs were pretty well built, others not so well. One old timer told me that during a heavy rain storm she went into the bed-room to find her baby almost smothered on the bed where she lay, when a great gob of mud had been washed through the roof. These roofs always leaked worse when a sudden downpour of rain followed a long dry spell. One woman said she had to put an umbrella over her bread to keep the dough dry when it rained. What trials some the these early settlers endured!

Three of the original log houses still stand and are habitable. The one Paul Boivin lives in which was built by Donald Gibson, Charles Hill's house built by Peter Dell, and the one on Henry Gibbing's place.

When we came here the ridge picnic was an annual event and well attended by people from far and near and has been continued throughout the years on the same site but when the Ridge was made a Highway it had to be moved, so now we meet each June on Mr. Frank Robert's farm. The tea we drank at those picnics in yesteryears was made in a wash boiler over a pile of stones. For many years Alex. Rusk took charge of this part of the lunch. When he moved away Arthur Richards took his place and did the job well for years.

The drainage ditches cutting the big ridge were put through in 1903 by a Mr. Hargrave, contractor.

Our town was Gladstone. The Gladstone trail wound along over the

highest ground across the south end of the Big Grass. Marsh and crossed the White Mud River at James Carruthers' place. The White Mud takes its rise near the Riding Mountains and north of Gladstone, it flows through the marsh. In spring it would always overflow and this meant a very wet





The old homestead home of W. J. Watson, built in 1896
Mrs. Watson was a sister of Noble Smith. On the picture are: Mr. and
Mrs. Watson and family; Albert Westwood, one time owner of the place;
Miss Davidson, teacher of Amana school.

road to town, until the bed was deepened by dredging. This operation took four years and was completed not long before the first great war began.

One of the earliest settlers in this district was John McPherson and his wife Margaret Sutherland of Invernesshire, Scotland. They came to Canada in 1883, lived a year in Winnipeg and then came to this district. They had two sons, Alexander and James, and four daughters, Bessie Gibson, Hannah Holland, Christine Cooper and Jessie. The old folks died here.

Their son James McPherson served in the Riel Rebellion in 1884-1885 and was the first man in the 90th Battalion to fire a shot. After the rebellion he took up a homestead two miles west of the ridge on the Moffatt road — the farm now occupied by Alfred Fletcher. He said he walked a hundred miles looking for a homestead when he could have had one where the City of Winnipeg now stands. In 1888 he married Ellen Mary Rae of Brandon. They had two sons and three daughters, Alexander, Norman, Agnes (a heroine of World War I in which she lost her life), Christine Leeson and Ruth McConnel. They all moved to Vancouver in 1922.

William and Josephine Watson came from Meaford, Ont., lived for a few years in Minnedosa and then homesteaded the farm now owned by John Dick. They were very hospitable. Their children were Lyman, Ormond, Edith Kneeshaw, Clarence. They came in 1895 and moved to Brookdale in 1903. Clarence served in the first war.

Alfred and Alma Rear of Mt. Albert, Ont., lived for a few years in

Iowa before coming to Minnedosa and thence to this district. Mr. Rear was instrumental in bringing in the first Methodist Minister. Mrs. Rear was much called upon to help in sickness. Their children, Bertha Smith, Clinton, Elwood, Ethel (died in 1906), Emerson and Edna Manning. A. Rear sold his farm to Noble Smith in 1909 and moved to Kamsack, Sask.



Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rear

Noble Smith of Meaford, Ont., took a homestead in 1900 on the same section with Alfred Rear and married his daughter, Bertha, in 1905. Their children, Allan, Verna Watson, Alma Norton, Elaine (served in the Air Force in the last war), Edna Moore, Edith Ronald, Lloyd, Rae (served in last war), Dona Adamson, Betty Copp, Louise, Norman and Sanford. Noble Smith sold his farm in 1948 to D. McBreairty of Woodside and moved to Portage la Prairie.

D. W. Smith and his wife Alice came from Meaford, Ont., bought James Shannon's farm in 1901 and later the Kenneth Morrison farm on the little ridge, farming there until he died in 1947. Their children, Clara Creighton, Florence Crouch, Alice Hunter, George, Annie Riggs, Elmer (died in 1929), Laurier, Dalton, Margaret Brown, Frank, Donald. In 1933 Mr. Smith's wife died and in 1935 he married Ellen Gates Pike.

W. George and Helen Fuller bought W. T. Watson's farm and lived there for a few years. Later they moved to Portage la Prairie and founded the Fuller Baker staisiness. Their children were William, who now runs the business, Helen Moon, May, and George, who died in 1949.

James Shannon came in 1898, he was deaf and dumb and a bachelor. He was killed on the railway track in B.C.

Mr. Blanchard lived in Amana only a short time. He had one son, Albert.

The Thorsteinson family and Jon Austman are mentioned among the Hecla pioneers.

Mr. and Mrs. Boles moved here in the nineties, homesteaded the farm now owned by Ben Greening. Their children are William, Harold, Annie Wallace and Margaret Lyons.

Joseph and Martha Glen bought the farm which had been homesteaded by George Raincock on which Bert Moffatt now lives and farmed there until Joseph's death.

Don Gibson served in the Riel Rebellion. He married Bessie McPherson and homesteaded the farm now owned by Paul Boivin. They had four daughters, Jessie Wallace, Bessie, Belle McLean, Ina McConnell. They moved to Golden Stream.

Percy and Herbert Hutchinson were bachelors. They came from England in the nineties and bought a farm from a man named Bailey. It is now owned by Alfred Fletcher. Percy later bought the quarter on which the Moffatt house now stands. He married Ida Howlette. They had two boys, Gifford and Roy. Herbert married Florence Howlette. Their children are Tracey and Herbert, and two daughters. The Hutchinsons all moved to Saskatchewan.

Mr. Bunce came early in the century with his large family and lived for a few years on the farm he later sold to J. K. Moffatt before moving to Saskatchewan.

Kenneth Morrison and his wife lived for some years on the farm now owned by Dalton Smith. They had one son, Norman. Sold his farm to Albert Westwood and moved to North Dakota, U.S.A.

In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Knowsley homesteaded the farm Mrs. Driscoll now lives on. They had one daughter, Hester. They moved to Gladstone.

Thomas Armstrong married Joseph Holland's sister and lived for years near the Boles homestead. Their children are John, Thomas, Robert, Sarah and Margaret.

In 1902, John Howlette and family bought Donald Gibson's farm. They lived here only a few years but were a great literary and musical help to the community. They came from the Portage plains, Mrs. Howlette dying before they moved. The children, Ida Hutchinson, William, Florence Hutchinson, Jessie, Lillian and John.

Edward Heelis came from England, bought John Howlette's place and lived there until his death in 1919. He was a bachelor.

J. K. and Isabelle Moffatt came to the district in 1908, buying a section of land, one quarter from Percy Hutchinson and one from Mr. Bunce. Mrs. Moffatt taught school for many years after they came — first in Amana then in Lakeside. Mr. Moffatt died in 1931. Their children are Kelso, Herbert, Ernest, Marjorie Setter, Preston, Clifford and Mary Brown. Mrs. Moffatt is still teaching.

Svein Arnason lived south-west of Amana School (see Marshland paper).

## PIONEERS OF LAKELAND AND LAKESIDE

By Mrs. S. L. Bott

First I think it would be wise to give as near as possible a description of the district, its general condition and the lay of the country. It was in the Westbourne Municipality starting about 12 miles north of the village of Westbourne. First it was a desolate, wet and forbidding area. To an observer they must have had great faith to undertake living here. The land was covered with willows and tall poplars in places so thick it was quite a toil to cut a road through. In between were numerous sloughs some miles long. I have been told that a small boat could be run part way to Westbourne on a long inland slough. Prior to this, about 85 years ago, the west underwent a long dry spell and Indians used to travel along the Lake. But about the year 1890 heavy rainfalls and tremendous snowfalls caused the district to become a quagmire. In places the trail from Kinisota to Totogan was a half mile farther west than it is now. The lake came up as far as T. Robertshaw's fence. Sometimes settlers had their horses drowned crossing some of the sloughs on their way to Westbourne for provisions. Wild ducks were in myriads, sloughs would be covered with them. Prairie chicken also were in abundance, and wild strawberries in places carpeted the ground. Indians used to travel by ox-cart pulled by an ox or cow or sometimes a pony. Others would have poles tied to



Lakeland Station

the sides of the horses and others again tied near the face, the ends dragging on the ground, with their belongings and tents tied on. The squeaking of the wheels of their carts could be heard a long way on a quiet morning, as they were on their trek to Gladstone or Westbourne.

Some of the settlers have suffered great privations and many of the children did not possess shoes until they became of school age. Moccasins were made out of coarse white grain bags and bits of warm woollen cloth. The houses at first were far apart, all log houses and barns. The one great characteristic of the people was that they helped each other in their trials



and sicknesses. They surely must have been stout-hearted for many had seen good times and comforts in the land of their birth.

Soap for laundry was made by saving all the wood ashes in barrels and in the spring they were placed on slanting boards. Pans were put at the bottom to catch the leak, after holes had been bored in the bottom. With grease it made a soft soap, marble in color. It is said to be fairly good but very hard on the hands.

Luxuries were almost a thing unknown. They had the lowly rabbit one meal boiled, next fried and then roasted for a change. Bread consisted of as much potatoes as flour to make the precious grain go farther. Bannoch was the chief food of the bachelors. Fish could be got in the winter time by fishing through the ice with a string line with hooks let down from it. Wild hay was in abundance, which is perhaps one of the reasons settlers decided to settle here. They managed to break up a few acres of land, to grow potatoes and grain for their own use. Some raised a bit for sale, but it was a long tedious haul to market. Mosquitoes were a terrible thing to contend with, smudges had to be made near the entrance to the doors, even then they would penetrate and life was almost unbearable.

The first school, built of logs, was near the present Lakeland Siding on a farm owned then by Robert Wellwood and now by Henry Gibbings. The first trustees were, Joseph Craig, S. L. Bott and J. J. Lackey. As the settlement spread and the district was divided, two schools were built in the same year, 1892. North Lakeland No. 754 on its present site was re-built in 1910, and Lakeside No. 225 on the little ridge opposite the present post office. The same building was moved to its present site on the farm of Fred Puddicombe. One of the first teachers of North Lakeland was the Hon. T. Crerar, and Mr. Anderson, father of the present Dean Anderson of St. John's Cathedral in Winnipeg, was Lakeside's first teacher, and he boarded with Mr. Alexander.

Mr. Alexander kept the first Lakeland post office before 1890, on the same farm where it is at present. After changing hands several times and moving west of the ridge it was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibbings on the ridge on the farm homesteaded by J. Holland. Later Mrs. Gibbings and children moved to the Siding where she kept the post office until she retired to Winnipeg in 1946. In the year 1891 Addingham P.O. was opened, named after a town in England and kept by Thomas Robertshaw. Mail was carried to these post offices and to Kinisota from Westbourne until the coming of the railroad in 1909. When Langruth P.O. was opened Addingham was closed.

The first graded road in the district was the present Air Force Road through Lakeland Siding about 1890. The contractors were Mr. Alexander and Joseph Craig.

A public meeting was held in 1900 when residents of Lakeland chose a cemetery site and elected a board of trustees to serve for life or a resident. The names on that first board of trustees were, Bill Cowan, D. Gibson, Wm. Logan, Dan McInnes, A. Rusk and R. J. Dell.

About 1910 the Methodist Church was built near the North School. Later it became the United Church in Langruth. Soon after the Anglican Church was built across the road; by Mr. Bott and a minister, Mr. Aylwin, and others. About eight years ago it was moved to Bluff Creek.

In 1878 J. J. and Margaret Lackey homesteaded the Tony Moel farm and his brother Abraham and wife took up land east of the first school. Their children were, Minnie, Ellen, Annie, Emma, Bertha, Grace, Eva, Wilbert, Albert, Edgar and Harvey. They moved to Gladstone in 1894.

Mr. Wellwood and family came in 1878 with J. J. Lackey and home-steaded near. His family were, Robert, William, George, Margaret Lackey, Martha Hicks, Annie Albright and Ida Raincock.

Robert Wellwood homesteaded the Henry Gibbings farm and about 1885 built the old log house still standing. Their children were Harold, Maud, Ethel, Myrtle and Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bourdell came in 1878 and were one of the first families to settle in Lakeland. They were married in Montreal and had three daughters: Sarah, Lillian McDonald and Amelia Cooper, and Mrs. Bourdell had a daughter, Laura Giles, by a previous marriage.

Joseph Craig farmed the land now owned by John Caddoo. Mr. Craig was one of the first settlers and was one of the first trustees and the first to represent the district as a Councillor. He was a bachelor and made his home with Mr. Alexander.

John Hicks was one of the earliest settlers. He was the First Engineer on the boat, "Lake Manitoba," which operated carrying supplies farther north to the Hudson's Bay stores, connecting with Totogan. Later he married Martha, a daughter of Mr. Wellwood and farmed on the ridge, the farm later owned by Mr. Moorehead.

In 1886 Mr. J. Holland and his wife, the former Hannah McPherson, homesteaded on the ridge and later bought out J. J. Lackey where Tony Moel now lives. They had one daughter, Freda.

About 1887 Jonathan Henderson of Barrie, Ont., was one of the first known owners of land in the district. He had a large herd of cattle and hired men to manage the Ranch.

Robert and Elizabeth Millar came from Cheshire, England, in the year 1886 and took up a homestead on the ridge on land now owned by Bert Moffatt. For years he was the mail-carrier from Westbourne to Kinisota, later set up a business of making cement and cement blocks for building. They had two children, Lillian Warren and Bert, now of Lockport.

Thomas and Isabella Robertshaw came from Penrith, Cumberland, England, in the year 1863 to Barrie, Ontario, coming to this district four years later as manager of the Henderson Ranch for a few years. He then branched out on his own to keep the Addingham post office. Five of their sons served in the First World War. Of Mrs. Robertshaw much could be said. She was a devout member of the Methodist Church and to the settlers an angel of mercy. She would often leave her own small children to help the sick, going out in blizzards over terrible roads, never refusing to be of service to the sick or needy. Their children were Edwin, Harry, Herbert, William, Cecil, Stanley, Evelyn Jackson, Barbara Brown and Thomas.



Left to Right: Thomas Robertshaw, his daughter, Barbara Brown,
Isabella Robertshaw and Thomas Brown

Alfred Giles came from Somerset, England, to Ontario and married there. They came west with an old friend, Samuel Bates, in the year 1887. They homesteaded on the ridge where he and his wife made a real beauty spot. His fruit trees in the spring were a beauty to behold. There were evergreens too and flowers in abundance. They had two children, Johnny



Mr. Alfred Giles



Mrs. Alfred Giles and daughter, Annie

and Annie Blair, now of Bagot. Mr. Giles was very jovial and delighted people with his old-fashioned ballads at family and country parties. Johnny Giles and his wife Laura lived south-west of the Hall ranch. He later moved up to the ridge. They had four children.

Hollings and Elizabeth Mayor, the former was born in London, the son of a doctor who was sent to Toronto to help stamp out the plague which was then raging. Later he sent for his wife and settled there. In 1887, three of his sons, Joseph, Thomas and Hollings came west and branched out on their own. Hollings going first to Michigan, U.S.A., before coming to Lakeside. He lived opposite Joe Carson's, but later went to Gladstone and then to Amaranth. They had ten children, Isabelle Bott, Harry, Margaret Burns, Charles, Thomas, Annie McMillan, Jessie, Elsie of Winnipeg, Elizabeth Armstrong of Toronto and Robert.

Thomas and Sarah Mayor came to manage the Henderson ranch in co-operation with T. Robertshaw. They later homesteaded the farm now owned by Andrew Lasson. They left to live at Gladstone and later moved to Winnipeg. Their children were, Harriet, Charlotte, Harry, George, and twins, Dositor and Dalton.

Mr. McLennan homesteaded on what is called the Logan place. A big slough west of the ridge there was known as McLennan's Lake.

Mr. William Cowan came in 1889. He had served on the staff of the North West Mounted Police during the Riel Rebellion in Saskatchewan and had stood guard over Louis Riel after his capture. He lived first on

the farm owned by John Caddoo, then moved a mile east of Lakeland. He served many years on the school board and council and was secretary of the Lakeland cemetery.

Alex. Christy came from Glasgow about 1890, had the Owen Bott farm but sold to Morley Hamilton of Portage la Prairie and went back to Scotland. but later bought the Hamilton Taylor farm. He and Billy Logan lived there together until his death.

Stewart and Isabelle Bott, the former coming from England in the year 1890. He settled on the farm where he now lives. He was a great factor in the building of the new settlement, helped to build the first school house and was trustee for a great number of years. In 1898 he married Isabelle Mayor, who had a few years previously come from the U.S.A. There are twelve children living, Maud Arksey, Geoffrey, Joseph, Edna Evans, Randolf, Francis, Arthur, Dorothy Forsley, Irene McConighie, Lucy Senton, Mary Street, Alice Thordarson, Ivy Thompson died in 1943.

Owen Bott came with his brother and homesteaded the farm later owned by Mr. Crealock. He ranched for a time then left for Calgary, where he built up a splendid business and married there. After his wife died he moved to Nevada.





Mrs. S. L. Bott with Alice and Lucy

Mr. S. L. Bott

Arthur Powell lived where Fred Hill lived later. He was a bachelor and did not stay long.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill, the former coming to the district in 1888, and settled in the Amana district, later moving closer to Langruth. They had

three sons, Henry, Ben and Ira. Until his marriage he kept a store and his sister lived with him for many years in the present Carley home.

Peter and Lucy Dell moved to this district in 1892 from Michigan, U.S.A., to a farm previously owned by his brother William. They lived there for a number of years, and with his hard-working wife made a home on the farm now owned by Chas, Hill. Mrs. Dell was a practical nurse.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dell



Poplar Leaf School

They were a very active couple, well known for helping those in need. They had a large family, Robert, Frederick, William, Rose Rusk, Mabel, May, Elva, Grantham, Erma Hembroff and Emma.

Svein and Ida Johnston came in 1892 from Iowa, U.S.A., originally from Sweden. He owned the farm now owned by Valdimar Bjarnarson,

on the shore road. They kept a "stopping house" in the winter for weary travellers and freighters and no one was ever turned away, whether they could pay for their lodgings or not. Mrs. Johnston was "a friend in need" to the settlers in time of sickness when the nearest doctor was so far away.



Svein Nickolas and Ida-Johnston

They had four daughters, Olga Johnston, Esther Mayor, Milly Fletcher and Alice Moorehead.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Smith had an extensive ranch in 1892 on the place now owned by George Hall. He was an old-sea captain. For a time he operated the dredge that was deepening the mouth of the White Mud River to make it navigable for boats going north. Later he sold out and went back to England. Their children, Ella, Minnie, Paul, Len and George.

Peter Logan, with his wife and two children, came from Scotland in 1892 to the farm previously vacated by Mr. McLennan. They drove from Winnipeg with a team of oxen. He liked to relate how his house had no roof, they had the stars for a light and if it rained they had a free shower bath. His son William took over the farm. They also had one daughter, Margaret Ward.

"James and Margaret Stocks were early settlers. They lived on what was called the "Flowing Well" farm, moving to the house vacated by Mr. Giles and later moved to B.C.

Joseph and Annie Metcalfe, the former came from Penrith, Cumberland, to Portage la Prairie, then to this district and was the last one to manage J. Henderson's ranch. He lived here for a number of years-and

married Annie Henderson, daughter of W. Henderson of Portage la Prairie. They had three children, Doris, William and Gweneth.

William and Mrs. Nicholson ilved near the Bott farm. They had a large family.

James and Elizabeth Armstrong. He came to Lakeland in 1890 from Lachutte, Que., living first on the plains for nine years. He married Elizabeth Perry. They raised a family of eight children, Leslie, Robert, George, Albert, Laurence, Vida Robertshaw, Verna McLean, Pearl Jackson, and one child died (Norman).

Martin and Evelyn Jackson. Mr. Jackson with his brother, Frank, came to the district when very young. They had the farm now owned by their son Cecil. He came in 1892 and some years later married Evelyn Robertshaw. They had nine children, Frank, William; Mary Tomason, Cecil, James, Edith Martin, Ivan, Alan and George.

Richard George farmed, in a small way, the farm later owned by Roy McEwen. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Lakeland School.

Arthur Warren was a bachelor and lived west of Langruth.

Jack Warren married Lily Millar, daughter of M. R. Millar, and made his home with them.

Sidney Fitch homesteaded the farm now owned by J. Kovacs.

Archibald and Jane Fitch farmed in the Lakeland district. He married Jane McDodald. They had four children, Emma, George, John and Alice.

In 1890 Hamilton Taylor homesteaded the Robert Christy farm. He married a daughter of Robert Wellwood.

Robert Paul was a bachelor.

Alex. Paul married Minnie Smith. He dug the "Flowing Well" over 60 years ago. Homesteaded here for a few years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strong came to Lakeside in 1892, lived on the R. Wellwood farm west of the M. Jackson farm, and took up a homestead. They lived there until Mr. Strong died in 1901. Two of their sons served in World War I.

Albin Johnston and family lived here for several years. They were a large family

George Raincock farmed in a small way. Married Ida Wellwood. Later left to enter the general store business at Gladstone, and moved to B.C. They had two children.

Lawrence Raincock came from Woodfield, England, about the year 1893 and bought the farm from Alex. Paul. He married Adelaide Garrioch. Their son Alec lives on the old farm. Their children, May Jackson, Muriel Richards, Ethel Buchan, Eileen Dimmock, Cyril, Phyllis Angus, Ruth Dansergau, Alec, Sybil Magnuson and Marjorie Moffat.



. Mrs. Bjorn Olson

Bjorn and Gudrun Olson came from Churchbridge, Sask., in 1893. Their children are Gudny Johnson, Thorsteinn and Thorarin.



Mr. Bjorn Olson with son, S. B. Olson, and grandson, Frank

Marci Johnson, a young lad, came with the Olsons and hired out with J. Metcalfe. He stayed seven years and later moved to Big Point.

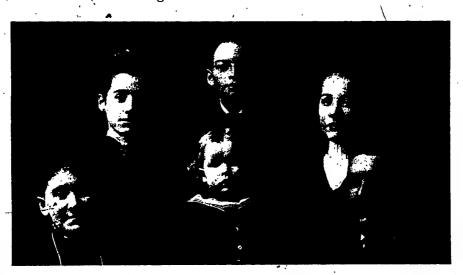
Thomas and Jane Richards came in the year 1896 from Harbor Beach, Mich., U.S.A. They lived on the farm now owned by Andrew Lasson, later moving on the farm now owned by J. Gardiner, where he spent the balance of his years. They had four children, May Andrews, Billy, Jack and Roy, and by a previous marriage several children, Charles, Ernie, Arthur, George, were some of them.

Joseph Cooper came from Amaranth, Ont., with Edward Johnston, to the Portage plains, then came on to Lakeland over 50 years ago. He married Milly Amelia Bourdell and lived on the Henry Gibbings farm. He became elevator agent first in Langruth, then in Amaranth, Man. The schildren, William, Thomas, Douglas, Joseph, Hazel Finnbigason and Freda Thordarson.

Edward and Elizabeth Johnston lived for several years in Lakeland, opposite the cemetery, then moved to Langruth. They had one adopted son, Matthew.

Alexander and Rose Rusk, the former coming from Barrie, Ont. He married Rose Dell and worked at the Henderson ranch for a few years. He then homesteaded the farm now owned by G. Bott, and later moved to Amaranth. Their children, Stella, Robert, Raymond, Erma, Beatrice, Shirley, Howard and Allan.

John and Annie Cadoo came to Canada in the year 1897. After a short time in Portage they moved to south Lakeland, buying their farm from Matt, Hall, who had previously acquired it from Jos. Craig. They had four children, Edith Thompson, Lillian, Emma Grainger and John, who now has the farm. Mrs. Cadoo taught at Lakeside School for a time.



Matthew and Alice Hall, their children, Maud, George, Edna and Matthew

Matthew and Alice Hall. As a young man Mr. Hall came to Portage la Prairie from Ontario with his brother Thomas, and engaged in the butchering business. Later lured by the land, in the year 1899, they bought the farm of John Smith and started ranching. They also did considerable farming of which they made a great success. Mrs. Hall was ever a willing helper in anything that meant making for a better settlement, or a worthy

cause. Their home was always a welcome place to all. They had four children, Edna, Maud Crealock, George and Matthew.

Jon and Thordis Finnson had several children, Eyvindur lived in Langruth for several years with his father.

Pjetur and Anna Jacobson moved from Marshland to Lakeland and then to Langruth. They had one son, Pall, and an adopted daughter, Florence Simpson.

Malcolm and Mary Ann McClarty came early in the century, sold their farm to Chas. Anderson and bought a small holding, where they lived until they moved to Portage la Prairie.

Samuel and Millie Price came from Ontario before 1900 and lived north of the Logan place on the farm of George Armstrong. They were here for many years.

John and Margaret Arksey came to the district in 1901 and settled on the farm now owned by Maude Arksey. They had four children, Thomas, Mary Hatch, William and John.

William and Elizabeth Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong came from Lachutte, Que., to Dauphin, where he lived for a few years before coming to this district. He bought a farm three miles south of Langruth. Married Elizabeth Mayor and they have nine children, Muriel, Ada, Olive, Blanche, Mildred, Lennis, Oliver and Roy. Two sons served in the last war.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McInnes lived on the farm now owned by George Forsley, then moved west of Langruth. They had seven children, Angus, Katherine, Neil, Arthur, Norman, Robert and Charles.

Robert Roberts homesteaded a farm near Mark Millar's but found it was too rugged and covered with alkali, so moved to within five miles of Langruth, before the town site was there. His sister, Mrs. E. Endley of England, came to make her home with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Cully lived for several years on the farm now owned by G. Mak.

John McInnes, another pioneer who did not stay long, went back to Scotland.

Mr. Albright settled on a farm owned by Olafur Olafson, now the Erickson farm, A creek that ran by was known for many years as Albright Creek.

Olafur Olafson lived for a few years in Lakeside, later moved to Langruth.



Olafur Olafson

Helgi and Helga Bjarnason came from Leifur P.O., stayed a few years, then moved to the east side of the Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. James Graham lived here only a short time, west of Langruth.



Emma Waind, Mary Hatch, Margaret Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Armstrong lived for several years at Lakeland, then moved to Portage la Prairie.

Harry and Nina Graham lived on the farm now owned by Jim Clearwater. They had five children, Jack, Stuart, Douglas, Betty and Marilyn.

Henry Hatch came from Ontario. He farmed the Martin Jackson farm. He married Mary Arksey. Their children, Charles, killed overseas; Ethel, Bessie, Dorothy, Annie and Florence.

Hector McKechnie taught school at Lakeside for several years. Homesteaded the J. T. Smith farm on the ridge and married Mary Alcock of Gladstone.

Harry and Lucy Gibbings came from Devonshire, England in 1904. He farmed on the ridge till his death, when Mrs. Gibbings with six small children moved nearer the station. Their children were May Wallace, Pearl Fairbrother, Ruby, Harry, Stanley and Wilfred.

Michael and Selima Forsley came over fifty years ago. As a young man of twenty he farmed in the Lakeland district. His son James has the old farm. Their children, Katherine Wild, Joseph, David, George, Gladys Watkin, Lena, James, Margaret Hanneson and Freda Emberly.

Roy and May McEwen, the former came from Ontario and farmed in Lakeside. His musical and artistic nature helped in the social life of the early days. In 1915 he married May Carson. Their children, Gladys Stoney, Marjorie Black and Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McEwen. He homesteaded in the Lakeland district, then for several years made his home in Portage la Prairie. Married Wm. Henderson's daughter of Portage. Later moved back to his farm until he retired.

James and Lillian McDonald. Mrs. McDonald was the former Lily



Lakeland Station, 1933 .

Bourdell. He came from near Lockport, lived on a farm now owned by J. Gibson for a time, then moved to a new home he bought. They lost one son in World War I, Bert; and another in World War II, Robert. Besides the two mentioned are Helen Dickson, Sadie Gibbings, Ruby Blair, Verna



Lakeside School No. 225, taken February, 1933

Back Row: Elsie Roberts, Lucy Driscoll, Irene Boivin. Second Row: Beatrice Hanneson, Dona Smith, Thelma Wild.

Third Row: Margaret Cummings.

Fourth Row: Jean Boivin, Kathleen Roberts, Betty Smith, Laura Boivin, John Richards, Jimmie Richards, Ray Smith, Glen Driscoll, Frank Smith, Harold Driscoll.

Fifth Row: Douglas Wild, Sanford Smith, Oscar Hanneson, Wilfred Boivin, Ray Cummings, Howard Roberts, Joe Puddicombe, George Hall, Don Smith.

Front Row: Tuane Boivin, Alphonse Boivin.



North Lakeland School

Gibbings, Viola Tanner and Bertha Martin, also George, a brother of Bert, by a previous marriage.

Joseph and Mary Carson came from England and lived on the farm east of the ridge, then later moved to Langruth. He was always a strong supporter of the church, often filling in as a local preacher. Their children, Joseph. Emma Waind, John, Harry, Martha Dell, Edwin and May McEwen.



Back Row: Roy McEwen, John Carson, Joseph Carson
Front Row: Margaret Robinson, May McEwen, Mary E. Carson, Gladys Carson

### A SHORT SUMMARY OF A PAPER WRITTEN BY MR. FRED HILL, A PIONEER OF LAKELAND

I was born in the greatest city in the world, London. My father having failed in the stock exchange, through the Franco-Prussian War, and my mind having been overcharged through reading of the mighty American continent, and the thoughts of coming in contact with the dusky redskin Indian, one fine morning in June, I bid farewell to the land of my birth. This was in 1883.

My father and mother accompanied me to the port of embarkation, Liverpool.

We had very fine weather the whole fifteen days in crossing the ocean. On the fourteenth day with land in view, I was on deck wondering what lay before me. A pilot came aboard to take control to bring us safely up the gulf of the St. Lawrence.

The next day we were preparing to land. The ramparts of the citadel of Quebec bristled with old obsolete guns, which no doubt could tell some weird stories if they could speak. I did not know where I was going or

what I was going to do. Looking around I saw an Immigrant Officer (all people are immigrants that come from one country to another), he asked me where I wanted to go, I told him I did not know, he advised me to go on a train that was waiting, and going to Ottawa. This train was especially provided for by the government, so I was actually a guest of the Canadian Government.

As we drew into Canada's Capitol, we were taken to a private boarding house, some of us had "shake-downs" on the floor. Next day the immigrant officer asked me if I would like to go in the country and do chores at a hotel. I said "alright" but did not know the meaning of the word "chore." In the morning the mail coach took me to the place. It was a lovely drive of twenty miles over some mountains along the Gatineau River. We passed the Cascades, where several men had lost their lives releasing saw logs which had been jammed on the rocks.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill

The hotel nestled at the foot of the mountains and around the bend of the mountain was an old-fashioned water mill, which ground the farmer's flour between two stones. After a week the proprietor got me a job with a doctor. I got along fine there, until one day, after losing two crocks of butter (their winter's supply), nearly drowning two dogs and myself, besides letting his horses run away with his top-buggy and leaving only a few spokes whole, I thought I saw my wages vanishing — but not a cent, and when he left to go to England he got me a position as a clerk in the village store. There were quite a few French half-breeds around the settlement who spoke mostly French. We heard of the Indian uprising in the west, all was excitement, some of the settlers wanted to join the expedition sent out under General Middleton.

I heard of the government giving settlers in the west one hundred and sixty acres for ten dollars. I gave notice to quit, no persuasion would make me stay. They told me of people starving to death and the awful blizzards of the prairie and the terrible Indians, but to no effect.

When I landed in Winnipeg I heard the news of the capture of Big

Bear and Riel, and the home-coming of the soldiers. They were putting down blocks on the mud roads and decorations were going up for the conquering soldiers. It was there I saw the first Red River cart drawn by oxen. I tried several places to get work, finally securing work at Arden in a gravel pit at one dollar and fifty cents a day, not including board, which left mand dollar clear. Three-fifty a week for board. The gravel was to ballast the Manitoba North Western Railway, which now belongs to the C.P.R. I stayed there six weeks, then went to Portage, staying at the Woodbine Hotel.

I wanted to go on a farm, and hired out with John McLellan for a year at \$150.00. While at that place George Raincock called upon me, he was living at Lakeland at the time, half a mile south of where D. Smith used to live, that was in 1886. It was through him I came to these parts.

Before I go any further I had better revert back, as some might be interested to know that the passing of the old ways was not complete. For instance, in many of the homes, in the fall, you would see strings upon strings all through the house, of apples peeled and cut in quarters, hanging There were no evaporated apples in those days. They would make their own cider, it was a nice refreshing drink when first made, but in the course of time it would get hard and to drink much of it would soon cause the knees to get weak. We very seldom saw beef to eat, unless in some hotel; pork used to be imported from the U.S.A. In most of the houses you would see the moulds for making candles, usually six at a time, the wood ashes in the winter time would be put into barrels and in the spring, water put on them and run off for lye to make soap. The milk was put in open tin pans and skimmed off into a dash churn, there were no cream separators or barrel churns in those days. Some small farmers-would flail their own grain out, others would put the sheaves in a bin and thresh the grain out with a small separator. Another thing I must mention, that is, the very cold weather, many days it used to be 60 to 65 below zero. Many times you would wake up in the morning and find the outside bed clothes covered with frost from your breath. A pail of water pulled up from the well when spilled over the ground would roll into ice like mutton tallow and the blizzards would be so bad sometimes that you could not see the horses you were driving. Always lots of snow, but spring came early with good sunny weather. Out footwear composed of two pairs of heavy socks, duffles up to the knees with buckskin moccasins and two pair of woollen mitts inside of buckskins for our hands.

When my time was over at the place I was working, I turned my face towards Lakeland. With the little hard earned capital that I had, and my small experience I thought I would have fair sailing, but further experience told me a different tale.

Mr. Raincock told me of a quarter section of land open for a home-stead just east of the Amana School for \$10.00, I got one hundred and sixty acres of virgin land with the stones thrown in. I bought a yoke of oxen and some cows, a plough and harness and went as proud as a peacock to turn over the first furrow of my property. I went one short round, then gave it back to the government, also the ten dollars. I moved in with Mr. Raincock, milked my cows and sold the butter for 20c per pound. This was in the year 1888. We settlers were all more or less lean in regards to money, it was chiefly swapping goods or working among ourselves and trading with the stores at Gladstone with our farm produce. I have known

of one person walking twelve miles for one pail of potatoes that he had earned. There was plenty of meat to be had, you only had to leave your house door open at nights with a small light burning and several rabbits would pay you a visit. The door would be easily closed with a string and pull. We were too poor to buy barb wire, we would make a worm fence by driving two seven foot sticks into the ground about six inches apart with a small one put between about 18 inches above ground and poles about 15 feet long, with an angle first one way and then the other with willow withs to tie the posts together.

There were plenty of bears and wolves around, bull-dogs by the millions and mosquitoes by the billions. Ducks and geese, cranes, prairie chickens and partridges, sloughs and quagmires in all directions. There were no ditches to carry off the water.

Where Henry Gibbings now lives was the Wellwood farm, and on the south-east corner of that farm was the school, built of logs, which was also used as a church or for meetings. The only farmer who owned horses was be Holland. Once I had an occasion to go to Portage, I rode one of my oxen, I stopped at a farmhouse, there was a bed in one corner, the hens in another, a calf in another and on the stove was a big iron pot full of hay and water.

I got another homestead in 1899, it took patience and perseverence to clear the land. The Langruth district was nothing but sloughs and willows, but soon settlers began coming in, bush fires and farmers from the plains for fire-wood, the land began to be cleared in earnest. The railroad came in and a Post Office and a General Store started in Langruth. Telephones, Cars and Radios, all speak of growing prosperity.



Lakeland Post Office, 1946

# The Early Hungarian Settlers of Lakeland



Father J. Imra Soos

With excellent farm land, hard work and thrift, a few Hungarian settlers in the municipality have become well established, community-minded settlers—the majority in Lakeland, east of the Ridge, and others in the districts bordering Langruth.



The Home of Louis and Elizabeth Soos

The first family to take land was Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Andy) Lasson (deceased in 1928 and 1949). They came from Hungary in 1906. Their six children, all of whom farm in the district are, Louis, Joseph, Mrs. J. Vereb (Helen), Mrs. Tom Bohm (Mary), Andrew and Frank.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lasson with their two boys, Louis and Joseph



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huyber

The same year came Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huyber from Cleveland, Ohio (deceased 1950 and 1939). Their three children are, Irene, at home, Louis, a farmer neighboring the parental home, and Eugene, in the permanent U.S. Air Force and now serving in Korea.

Two brothers, George and Steve Lukas, both deceased, the former with a family, arrived from Hungary in 1907 and farmed for many years near Andy Lasson.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balog came in 1917 with a family of small children, and in 1927 Mr. and Mrs. J. Kovacs. In 1928 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Soos and the latter's brother, Louis Soos, who later married Elizabeth Balog, bought a farm on the lake-front in Lakeland.

The social life of the settlement centred around the little Catholic Church; built in 1937 and dedicated on September 11th the same year by Father J. Imra Soos, of Winnipeg, who had served the community from 1927 and built up a congregation, conducting services regularly at the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Lasson. He continued his faithful work until he died in 1947, having then spent his last few years at the home of his nephew, Louis Soos, Sr.



Hungarian Church

### **BIG POINT**

### IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAKEVIEW

By Helga Erlendson Hanneson

### THE PIONEERS

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From Iceland's rocky shores and mountain valleys They packed their scant belongings o'er the sea, And, like their Viking forebears, made the voyage To the land of promise and prosperity.

The soil they chose was stony and unyielding. Twas not as rich as that in other parts. But the challenge of its stubborn dissolution Was answered from the staunchness of their hearts.

Their children reap the harvest of their toiling, And bring more potent weapons to the bout. We buy machine-made tools to do our labors, While they devised their own, or did without.

They walked for miles a treasured book to borrow, And in the evening, grouped around the fire, They read aloud the sagas of their homeland. We buy with ease the books that we desire.

Where once their ox-carts trekked across the prairie, We travel in a speedy limousine; And if we count the journey long and weary, We are not thinking what theirs must have been.

We take for granted all the modern comforts With which we, in an easier age, are blessed. Control things, then undreamed, by pushing switches Because the land we live in has progressed.

So I hear the record of their strivings, And note the difference made across the years— Compare my life of ease with theirs of hardship, I take my hat off to the pioneers.

–Art Reykdal.

Big point lies on the west side of Lake Manitoba, Townships 16-17, Range 8-9. As the name implies, Big Point extends far out into the lake. The settlers wished to name their first post office by that name but there was another post office in Manitoba so called that they therefore decided to name their school and community hall "Big Point," and on account of the beautiful stand of oak trees that grew on Jon Tomason's farm, the first post-master of the district, they decided on the name "Wild Oak" for their post office. That post office was opened in the year 1897. Jon Tomason stayed only one year and David Valdimarson took over the duties of post-master. Mail was delivered from Westbourne once a week by Jon Loftson.

Between the years 1898 and 1903, a flood covered parts of Big Point, dividing the district in two. The post office and hall were on the Wild Oak side, while the school was on Big Point, a huge slough dividing them. That slough for several years was almost like a river, being ten feet or more in depth. In those years the only way to get to Wild Oak was by boat and later on by a so-called Corduroy Road, which was most of the time impassable. There was little hay for the cattle on Big Point, as most of the land was under water, so the farmers had to take their machinery across the slough on barges made of planks in order to put up hay on Wild Oak.

Wild Oak extended from Addingham on the south and Sandy Bay on the north, a long narrow strip divided by the slough with a dense bush extending ten miles or more westward. This bush was ruined for many years by a fire in 1898. About five miles west a sandy ridge 50 to 60 miles long was being used as a trail by the Indians, but until after the turn of the century it was unknown to the settlers.

The earliest known settlers of the district come in 1880. They were Ed Field, Charles Hay and Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Bias. In 1886 John Wild and Mr. and Mrs. James Wild came with their boys Malcolm and Roderick. Other children born to them were Albert, killed in World War I; Myrtle, Ethel and Frederick.



Mr. and Mrs. James Wild, one of the oldest settlers of Big Point, coming in 1856

In 1887 William and Fred Rhind, Isaac Lewis and his brother settled in this district. Shortly after the McMillans — Archibald, Alexander and Malcolm came with their wives and another brother, Colin. They brought in a large herd of cattle, but did not stay long and sent Guy Fallows to manage their ranch. Mr. Fallows brought with him two relatives, Mr. Fairservice and Mr. McCrumb. These ranches were near the lake front and their nearest neighbors were the Henderson Brothers and Joseph Metcalfe, who ranched several miles south in the district known as Addingham.





, David and Gudbjorg Valdimarson

In 1894 came a caragen of four covered wagons and some open ones, and several men on horsebæk driving a herd of cattle. These men with their wives and families made their homes here. Among them were: David and Gudbjorg Valdimarson who brought their three children, Jon, Kristlaug and Elin, and settled in the district. Later another son, Valdimar, was born in their new home.

Asmundur and Kristjana Guttormson and their two girls, Svafa and Kristin, stayed a few years.

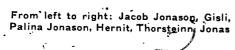
Bjarni and Sigridur Davidson came from Argyle with their three girls, Jodis, Gyda and Sigridur, and dwelt at Big Point for a number of years and later moved to Saskatchewan. A brother of Bjarni, Erikur Davidson, made his home with them: Another brother, Julius, came from Winnipeg and had a store a few years on Wild-Oak.

Tryggvi Asgeir and Margret Jonason and their two children, Stefan and Holmfridur, were early pioneers of this district. Another family came with them but moved farther north, they were Jacob and Palina Jonason. Their children are Gisli, Thersteinn, Hernit, Maria, Gudrun, Helga, Jonas and Thidrik. After a few years the family came to make their home here.

Later the same year several more Icelandic families moved in but settled in the district now known as the Hollywood district, where they



Bjarni and Sigridur Davidson





lived for two years and then moved to Big Point. These included Tomas and Gudrun Ingimundarson.

Olafur and Gudbjorg Thorleifson and their children, Holmfridur, Gudni and Anna. Their daughter, Sesselja Maria, came from Iceland later, with Halldor and Marin Danielson and Helga Gudmundson. Olafur had a store on Big Point for several years and served as a blacksmith and repair man.



Olafur and Gudbjorg Thorleifson

Kristjan and Johanna Johnson with their son Khistjan and a brother, Magnus Johnson, came to this district from Leifur P.O., stayed one year and moved to Marshland.

Bodvar and Ingibjorg Laxdal were early pioneers, they came from Winnipeg.

Jon and Stefania Magnuson lived here for a time with their children, Helga, Sveinn, Steinunn and Haraldur.

Bodvar and Gudrun Johnson came to Wild Oak in 1894. Mr. Johnson still lives on the original homestead, now owned by his son, Archibald. Their children are Johas, Ingibjorg, Kristin, Thomas, Jonina and Archibald, a son, Haraldur, died a few years ago in an accident...

Jon and Gudfinna Thordarson lived in the district until they died. Their son, Gordon, lives on the old homestead, Albert, Victoria and Freeman reside in the district and Bjarni at Brandon, Gudjon died in an accident Tomas was killed overseas in World War I, and Gustaf died some years ago.



Gudrun Johnson



Bodvar Johnson

The oldest living resident pioneer of Big Point, coming to the district in 1894.



Jon and Gudfinna Thordarson



Thorsteinn, Tomas, Gudrun, Gudny, Byjolfur, Ingiborg and Mrs. Ragnheidur Thorsteinnson

Asmundur and Ragnheidur Thorsteinnson settled for a short while and then moved to Marshland. Their children are mentioned in that write-up.



Back row, left to right: Eirikur, Sigridur, Ingibjorg, Einar and Jonina Isfeld, Adalsteinn, Thuridur, Ethel, Fridfinnur and Haraldur,

In 1895, Einar and Jonina Isfeld settled near the lake. They had a large family, several of whom reside in the district, Sigridur, Erikur, Fridfinnur, Ingibjorg, Thuridur, Gudjon, Haraldur and-Anna, all of Langruth. Adalsteinn, Ethel and Luter of Winnipeg, a son, Victor, was killed in action overseas in World War II.

Hallgrimur and Thorbjorg Sigurdson and their two girls settled near the lake, later moved to Langruth. Their daughters are Gudrun and Lara.

In 1896, Jacob and Helga Crawford came with their children, Sigrun, Oscar, Julius, Petra, Ingolfur, Stanley, Jacobina, Hrolfur and Leifur. They made their home here and in Westbourne. Bjorn Crawford, a brother of Jacob, caree with them.



From left to right: Signidur, Thuridur Thorkelson, Gudni, Fridfinnur Thorkelson,

Fridfinnur and Thuridur Thorkelson and their four children, Gudni, Jonina, Sigridur and Sigrun, moved here from north of Leifur.

Thorgeir and Anna Simonarson also came at this time with Anna's two daughters, Sigridur and Elizabeth Baker, a son resides in the Yukon district.



Bjarni and Gudrun Ingimundarson

Bjarni and Gudrun Ingimundarson came from Churchbridge, Sask., in 1897, bringing their two daughters, Birgitta and Gudlaug. Later three



Bjorn and Sigridur Benson, Margaret, Kari, Ben, Gudny, Baldur and Bjornsterne

sons were born, Thorsteinn and Sigurdur, the third son died while an infant, Bjarni still resides in the district.

Bjorn and Sigridur Benson came from Argyle. They had fourteen children, five died in infancy, four of their sons served in World War I, Kristjan, Kari, Baldur and Bjornsterne. The others are, Benedict, Gudny, Margaret, Karl and Laufey.

Pjetur and Anna Jacobson with their son, Pall, lived in the Lakeland district, later moved to Marshland.

Einar and Gudbjorg Saudfjord brought their daughters Elizabeth, Kristin, Monica and Sigridur with them in 1897. Monica was married to Magnus Thorlakson and they had two boys, Stefan and Edward, both these



Back row, left to right: Thidrik and Gudrun Eyvindson, Halla, Einar, Eyvindur, Ingibjorg, Thidrik, Margaret, Peter, Olafur, Christopher, Hrefna, Kjartan



Johann and Signidur Johannson

boys served in World War I. Signidur was married to Olafur Hanneson and they adopted a boy, Edwin Joenson.

Thidrik and Gudrun Eyvindson settled on the farm now owned by David Egilson. They had eleven children, Einar, Eyvindur, Ingibjorg, Halla, Thidrik, Margaret, Pjetur, Olafur, Kjartan, Christopher and Hrefna.

In 1896, Johann and Sigridur Johannson, with their six children, Johann, Oluf, Helga, Arni, Gudmundina and Gudrun, came from Churchbridge, Sask., and settled in the district, later named Hollywood.



Sigfus Bjarnarson



From left to right: Bjorn, Gudrun Thorbjorg, Gudfinna Bjarnarson, Gudmann, Valdimar and Karl

Sigfus and Gudfinna Bjarnarson moved to the district from north of Leifur P.O. There were thirteen children in the family, Bjarni, Bjorn, Gudrun, Thorbjorg, Karl, Gudmann, Valdimar, Helga and Gudlaug, and the other four died in infancy.

Bjarni and Gudridur Eastman came from the Narrows. Mr. Eastman was post-master at Wild Oak for several years. They had six children, Oluf, Gestur, Thorsteinn, Karl, Anna and Wilfred.



Bjarni and Gudridur Eastman with their daughters, Oluf and Anna and granddaughter Iris Eastman



Mr. and Mrs. Vigfus Thorsteinson

Vigfus and Gudridur Thorsteinnson settled for a while and then moved to Marshland.

Gisli and Thora Johnson came from Argyle and had the post office for several years. His first wife was Gudny and they had five children, Sigridur, Thorun, Magnus, Aurora and Thruda.



Joseph Helgason, Johann Helgason, Mr. and Mrs. Helgi Jon Helgason and baby



Gudrun Helgason

Joseph and Gudrun Helgason had four children, Soffanias, Holmfridur, Margaret and Freeman. Joséph was a widower and had two sons living in Winnipeg, Helgi and Johann.

Gudmundur and Johanna Sveinson, with one son, stayed only a short time, moving to the Marshland district.



· Olafur and Svafa Egilson

Olafur and Gudrun Egilson had one boy, Adalsteinn. Mr. Egilson's second wife was Svafa Magnuson and their children are David, Sveinn and Oluf, and one infant did not live.





Erlendur and Margret Erlendson

Erlendur and Margret Erlendson came from Winnipeg in 1897 and resided at Leifur P.O. until 1899, when they moved to Big Point. Their nine children were: Finnbogi, Erlendur, Sigridur, Helga, Valdimar, Victoria, Halldora, Leifur and Lilja.

Jon and Svafa Tomason and four children came to the district in 1899. The eldest child was Sigurlina.

Johann and Viola Josephson settled on the lake-shore with their son Eddie.

Magnus and Gudny Kaprasiusson had two girls, Karolina and Kristbjorg. Gudny had five boys by a previous marriage, Bjarni, Jon, Helgi, Einar and Gudmundur Nordal.



Gudmundur and Elin Gudbrandson



Ingimundur Olafson

Gudmundur and Elin Gudbrandson came from Leifur P.O. with three children, Gordon, Emily and Asta. After a year or so they moved to Marshland.

Bjarni-and Steinunn Tomason came from Argyle and settled on Big Point. They had six children, Stefan, Tomas, Ingibjorg, Kristin, Anna and Jon. Steinunn, with the help of Mrs. David Valdimarson, started the first Sunday School in the district.

Gudmundur and Ingibjorg Thorsteinnson made their home here for a time, then moved to Clan William with their girls, Jonina, Gudny and Kristin.

Ingimundur and Katrin Olafson dwelt on Big Point, later Mr. Olafson moved to Langruth. They had six children, Thomas, Gudmundur, Olafur, Sigridur, Gudfinna and Inga.



Bjarni and Anna Thompson

Bjarni and Anna Thompson settled near the lake. Their son, Arnor, resides on their old homestead. Other children are, Helgi, Jonina, Tomas, Sigmundur, Eyjolfur, Johanna and Fredrik.

Jon and Gunnlaug Amundson lived at Big Point for a few years and then moved to Marshland. They had seven children, Karl, Gyda, Henrik, Rannveig, Sesselja, Helga and Hansina.

Johannes and Kristin Joenson and five children, Sigurjon, Edwin, Sigurlina, Susanna and Lilja, moved to the district at this time.

Thorhallur and Ragnheidur Goodmanson came from Iceland after the turn of the century. Their children are Gunnlaugur, Ragnar, Olafur, Bjarni, Gudbjorg, Calvin and Jon Valdimar.



Hannes Erlendson

Hannes and Johanna Erlendson came from Iceland with one child, Halldora, and settled near the lake. Other children born to them are Magnus, Bentina, Gudmundur, Jennie, Jon, Măria, Johann and Helga. When they came to Canada they were accompanied by Magnus and Kristin Vigfuson and their two daughters, Gudny and Sigurlina.



Johanna Erlendson

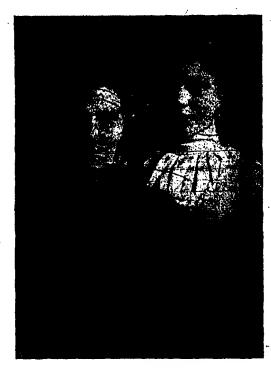
Ivar and Anna Bjornson make their home on the Point. Later they moved to Langruth, where they had a boarding house for several years. One son, Valdimar, made the supreme sacrifice in France during World War I, the other children are, Bjorn, Sigurdur, Addie and Halldora.

Vilhjalmur and Magnus Peterson came from Churchbridge in 1893 with their parents, Petur and Halla Einarson. The family settled on the farm now owned by Ernie Richards, later moving north and east of Amaranth. For several years Magnus Tayed in the Yukon. The brothers came to Wild Oak in 1911. Vilhjalmur and his wife Helga have nine children, four boys enlisted in World War II, Pjetur, William, Jonas and Ralph; other children are, Halla, Theodore, Franklin, Margaret and Thura.

Magnus and Ingibjorg Peterson had three children, Douglas, Lorna and Ruth.

Gudmundur Sturlaugson was a bachelor, came to do carpenter work for several years.

Jonas and Marene Johnson and their children, Jon, Ragnheidur, Hjalmar, Thorsteinn, Gudrun and Jonas, stayed a few years; another couple who did not stay long was Bergur and Anna Myrdal.



Mrs. Sigridur Fredricks

Sigridur Fredricks with her children, Maris, Jonina and Johannes, came from Churchbridge and settled near the lake.

Sigurdur and Katrin Tomason came from north of Amaranth with their children Carolina, Hjortur, Oskar and Gudmundur, later moved to Langruth.



Mr. and Mrs. Einar Tomasson and Family

Einar and Gudny Tomasson moved to Big Point in 1900. They had five children, Tomas, Steinun, Kristinn, Sigridur and one child died.

Johannes and Sesselja Baldwinson also came in 1900. They had three children, two died, one son, Baldwin, came with them, later the family moved to Leifur.

Gudmundur and Gudrun Arnason settled on the farm vacated by Bjarni Davidson in 1903. Their children live in the district, Erlaugur, Bjorg and Sigrun.

Jon and Thordis Finnson moved to Wild Oak in 1901, then moved to Lakeside. Their son, Eyjolfur, is the only one of four alive.



Big Point Sunday School, 1912

Unable to get all names. Back row: Halldora Erlendson, Ingibjorg Tomason, Anna Eastman, Helgi Thompson, Valdimar Bjarnarson.

Sigurlina Joenson, Leifur Erlendson, Thomas Thompson, Pall Hjaltdal, Frank Olson, Adalsteinn Isfeld, Thorsteinn Eastman, Olafur Olson, Fridfinnur Isfeld, Oskar Tomason, Arnor Thompson, Gudlaug Bjarnarson, Jona Alfred, Kristin Tomason, Sigurdur Ingimundarson, Karl Eastman, Hjortur Tomason, Lilja Erlendson, Aurora Johnson, Oluf Egilson, Thuridur Isfeld, Ingibjorg Isfeld, Helga Bjarnarson, Carolina Tomason.

The first Sunday School was started about 1900 by Steinum Tomason and Gubjorg Valdimarson.

Halldor and Arnbjorg Halldorson and their children, Bjarni, Sigridur, Bjorg, Bjorn, Halldor and Jon, came in 1902 and lived here for a few years. Two sons stayed in the district when the family moved to Lundar, Jon and Gudlaug Halldorson with their children, Emil, Gudlaug, Halldor, Gudmundur, Sigurjon, Oskar, Sigridur, Olafía, Emily and Grace.

Bjorn and Jonina Halldorson farmed for a few years and then moved to Langruth. Their children are Theodore, Harold, Bjorg, Pearl, Kristin, Ernest, Percy, Margaret, June and Bjarni who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II.

Agust and Gudrun Eyjolfson settled in the Lakeland district and then moved to Langruth. They had eight children, Gudmundur, Emil, Verma, Gunnar, Laufey, and three died in infancy. A brother of Agust, Bjarni,

came with him and worked in Langruth until he bought a farm at Lakeland. His wife, Gudny, came from Winnipeg. They had three children, Thelma, Hilmar and Raymond.

If any pioneers have been left out, I regret the omission. It is difficult to remember all those who settled in the district when no records are available. So much could be written about our pioneers, especially those who came from Iceland, as they did not know the language or customs of this country. They were proud of their origin but quickly adapted themselves to the new way of life. Records show how their sons and daughters enlisted and fought for Canada in the two world wars. Our younger generation is gradually losing the speech and customs of our forefathers. They have become Canadianized in their speech, dress and customs, but have not changed in their pride for the fatherland.

So many of our Icelandic pioneers settled near the lake and took advantage of the abundance of fish, no one can imagine the amount of fish caught. The nets were ruined by the weight, however, prices were low, Whitefish selling at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 cents a pound. One of the most popular freighters was Bodvar Johnson, he could be counted on to get top prices for the fish. He was also popular among the settlers as a Veterinarian. Soon fishing was operated on a huge scale. Boats of all sizes and shapes freighted fish and gypsum from the north to The Landing or Cawdor, as it was named later. Many of the boats would travel on the "Big Slough," as it made the journey much shorter.



Big Point School, 1913

Doubtless, life was hard and rugged for the older people but full of excitement and thrills for the young ones. It was the usual thing for the children to go by boat to school or to Wild Oak for the mail.

The first schoolhouse was built of logs in 1898 by the settlers. Our first teacher stayed only one year and was succeeded by Daniel Windsor, who definitely did not believe in the slogan, "Spare the rod and spoil the

child." He usually kept the rod at hand and the child speaking Icelandic got a taste of it. This was very hard on the youngsters who had been brought up to speak only Icelandic. In 1909 a new frame building was erected a short distance east of the old log schoolhouse.

A community Hall was built of logs by the settlers in 1903. Before that all community gatherings were held in the schoolhouse. In 1910 it was torn down and a frame building was erected. The first Community Hall was officially opened on the 1st of July, 1903, but the first picnic at Big Point was held at the schoolhouse in 1898 on the first day of July. Since then it has been the custom of the community to have a picnic on that day.

Outstanding men and women in Church work and the Social life of the community are too numerous to mention. Gudbjorg and David Valdimarson were actors of note and took the lead in plays and concerts.



Big Point Picnic, July. 1, 1913

Many stories could be told about life in those early years. We often wonder if those of us who grew up in the beginning of the century did not have a fuller, happier life. We had no telephones or radios, but we read so many books, played games and sports of all kinds. We skated and played hockey on the hard clear ice of the Slough which extended for miles. We trapped rats, catching as many as a hundred in one day. Prices were low, 5 to 10 cents for A-1 cured pelts.

Having no roads to speak of, all parties and dances had to be started before dark and no one dared to venture home until daybreak. Music for the dances was supplied by two popular violin players, Johnny Sinclair George Faulster, and later Gudni Thorleifson.

Just south of Wild Oak was the dreaded McKeever's Creek. To cross that successfully was something of a feat and this had to be done every time anyone went to Westbourne for supplies. There were no roads or bridges in the district at this time, in 1903 the first grade road connecting Big Point with Marshland was built, and that grade was most of the time impassable.

On February 1st, 1898, an Icelandic Library was organized in the district and is still owned and read by a few.

About 1909 a Good Templars Lodge was started at Big Point. Mr. A. S. Bardal, of Winnipeg, came out to install officers and establish affiliation with the Independent Order of Good Templars, Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The name given this chapter was "Vorblom." This undertaking thrived for a number of years and quite a few of the charter members still live around the district.

From 1898 to 1906, a minister, Rev. Oddur Gislason, came to the district several times a year. In 1906 a resident minister was called, Rev. Bjarni Thorarinson, with his wife, Ingibjorg and their children, Magnea, Gudrun, Thorarin and Susanna. They lived here until 1916. Most of the settlers kept up the old custom of their forefathers by having a service in the home every Sunday and on special days. A sermon was read and hymns sung. Another lovely custom was the "Twilight Sing-Song" every evening at our house.

The nearest doctor was at Gladstone. Mrs. Kristjana Guttormson, Mrs. Sigridur Johannson and Thuridur Thorkelson acted as mid-wives, ministering to the mothers and successfully bringing babies into the world. Mrs. Johannson had the distinction of attending over 300 mothers.

So much has changed since those by-gone days. Where the "Big Slough" used to be flax is being grown. The big "Bush" is no more, grain growing in its place. With all the modern farm equipment, radios, cars, etc., it is hard to believe that a few short years ago no one dreamed that these things would seem common and ordinary. We think of our childhood days when we did without all these wonderful time and labor saving devices.

A few of the many boys of our pioneers of Big Point who served in 1914-1918. They are not on the Langruth Honor Roll:

#### ALBERT WILD

Son of James and Mary Wild, was born at Big Point, and was killed in action.

#### HROLFUR CRAWFORD

Son of Jacob and Helga Crawford, was born at Wild Oak on April 13, 1898. Enlisted with 63rd Battalion at Edmonton on September 17, 1915, going overseas on April 15, 1916, fought at Passchendaele, Arras, Cambrai, Canal du Nord, was wounded at the Somme and again at Ypres. He returned to Canada on April 29, 1919.

#### INGOLFUR CRAWFORD

Son of Jacob and Helga Crawford, was born at Wild Oak on July 4, 1899, enlisted on May 24, 1918, went overseas in July, 1918, and returned June 11, 1919.

#### LEIFUR CRAWFORD

Son of Jacob and Helga Crawford, was born at Wild Oak on February 8, 1897, enlisted June 6, 1918, went overseas in 1918 and returned in June, 1919.

#### PJETUR EYVINDSON

Son of Thidrik and Gudrun Eyvindson, was born on July 5, 1894, enlisted March 14, 1916, and went overseas in April, 1917.

### PJETUR JONASON

Son of Ivar and Magnea Jonason, was born in Winnipeg on November 17, 1895, enlisted before war started, went overseas on September 30, 1914, fought at Plough Strasse, Fleurbaix and Ypres, was taken prisoner on April 24, 1915, and was kept in Germany until released in June, 1919.

#### JON HELGI JOHNSON

Son of Joseph and Holmfridur Helgason, enlisted December 28, 1914, going overseas the same year. Married Florence Smith of Winnipeg.

#### RAGNAR IOHNSON

Son of Marteinn and Helga Johnson, was born March 15, 1888, enlisted September 1, 1915, returned April 28, 1919. Married Ingibjorg Helgason.

#### EDWARD JULIUS THORLAKSON

Son of Magnus and Monica Thorlakson, was born at Wild Oak on July 1, 1899.

### GUDMUNDUR OLAFUR THORSTEINNSON

Son of Vigfus and Gudridur Thorsteinnson, was born on September 14, 1888, enlisted April 19, 1916, went overseas in April, 1916, and returned April 25, 1919.

#### THORSTEINN OLAFUR THORSTEINNSON

Son of Vigfus and Gudridur Thorsteinnson, was born April 19, 1898, enlisted April 10, 1916, went overseas April, 1917, and returned in 1919.

# EARLY SETTLERS IN MARSHLAND

In the early years the district known as Marshland extended approximately from Steel Bridge north about fifteen miles to the district of Airedale (seven miles north and west of Langruth) and east to within a few miles of the town of Langruth and west to the Big Grass Marsh. Most of the Marshland district is now the Big Grass Community Pasture with the headquarters in the original Arni Hanneson home, pioneers after the turn of the century.



Marshland School

In 1899 people from districts already settled pushed forward in search of land suitable for agriculture and stock raising flocked into this munoccupied area. Among the first to register homestead grants were Kristjan Johnson, Gudmundur Sveinson, Asmundur Thorsteinson and Kristjan Kristjanson. A little later these were followed by other homesteaders, among whom were Thorsteinn B. Olson and Gunnar Johnson.

Kristjan Johnson and his wife Johanna, both deceased, came from near Glenboro and for a time lived along the west shore of Lake Manitoba until driven by flood waters to seek higher land in the Hecland S. D. of Marshland. They had one son, Chris, and an adopted niece, Jona. She married and lived in the west until she died. Chris now farms near Woodside, Manitoba.

Asmundar Thorsteinson and his wife Ragnheidur, both deceased, lived on the lake shore north of Amaranth and at Big Point for a few years before homesteading in the Hecland S. D. Their childrn were Thomas, who died in a tractor accident on his farm at Westbourne in 1943, Gudrun (Mrs. McNey) of Vancouver, B.C., Gudny (Mrs. T. Adams) Vancouver, Ingibjorg (Mrs. E. Marteinson of Transcona, Man.), Thorsteinn, Winnipeg, Eyjolfur (Eyvi) of Westbourne and Albena also of Westbourne. This family moved to Westbourne with several other families in Marshland in 1909 and 1910, hoping to find more productive grain land. The last of the

first homesteaders, Mr. and Mrs. Kristjanson moved to the west coast. They came from Gladstone, where Kristjanshad a shoe repair shop.

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Steini B. Olson, son of Bjorn and Gudrun Olson, the first of the Icelandic settlers along the lake, came to Lakeside in 1893, married Freda Thorleifson, daughter of Olafur and Gudbjorg Thorleifson, pioneers of Big Point, in 1899. In 1900 they took up farming where Chris Goodman



Thorsteinn and Holmfridur Olson

now resides and later on their homestead, which shortly after became Marshland P.O. in 1902. In 1911 they moved to Big Point, and the late Arni Hanneson took over as post master and remained such until all the district postal centres amalgamated as Langruth. Mr. and Mrs. Olson moved to Langruth in 1913, where Mr. Olson went into the lumber business, and later was agent for Imperial Oil. In 1943 they moved to Winnipeg and in 1948 moved to Vancouver, B.C. Their ten children are all mirried except Olafur and reside as follows: Franklin B., Detroit, Mich.; Wilhelm T., Coaldale, Alta.; Olafur, Detroit; Kjartan, Montreal; Norman L., John, Stanley and Harold L., in Winnipeg; Gwenny Mrs. (Mrs. G. Dowding) and Elfreda W. (Mrs. Geo. Jorgenson), in Vancouver.

Gunnar Johnson and his wife Sigurbjorg were homestead neighbors of the Olsons. They moved to the Beaver district west of Westbourne in 1909, where they still reside with their youngest son Bjorn (Barney). Another son, John, lives in Vancouver and a daughter Lilja (Mrs. G. Wilson) of St. Vital. Two brothers of Gunnar, Benedict, came from North Dakota in 1900, with his wife Kristin and four children, lived in Marshland for a short while. Ben, moved to the Narrows and then to Winnipeg. Bjorn



Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar B. Johnson

and his wife Maria moved with Gunnar from Marshland in 1909 to Westbourne where they lived on their homestead until 1914, then to Winnipeg where Bjorn died in 1915, shortly after, at his brother Halldor's, another brother of Gunnar, these brothers with their father, Jon Benedictson, lived for a time near Glenboro. The father died in 1907 at the home of his son Gunnar.



Arni and Sigridur Helgason and Daughter Signy

In the summer of 1899, Arni Helgason and his wife Sigridur, came from North Dakota with their daughter Signy (Mrs. S. Johnson) and a step-daughter, Sigurbjorg how Mrs. Gunnar Johnson of Westbourne. In 1909 they moved to Beaver, then in 1925 Arni moved to Langruth. He died in 1929 and his wife in 1942.

Shortly before the turn of the Century four other families came from North Dakota, Gunnar Kjartanson and Groa, Halldor Austfjord and Margret, Jon Skarderbeg and Sigridur, and Jon Arnason and Gudbjorg. The Kjartanson family settled in the northern part of the Marshland district, from there they moved, in 1911, to the Beckville and Smalley districts, north of Amaranth, where their four sons started grain and stock farming on a larger scale and fishing in season. Bjorgvin (Bob) died in 1932, leaving his widow Margret and five children. Later she married Bob's brother, Thorleifur, and they moved to Langruth in 1948. Julius lives in Winnipeg and John near Minnedosa, the daughters, Gudny in Chicago, Una (Mrs. E. Davidson) Madison, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Kjartanson spent their last years in Winnipeg with their daughter Gudny.

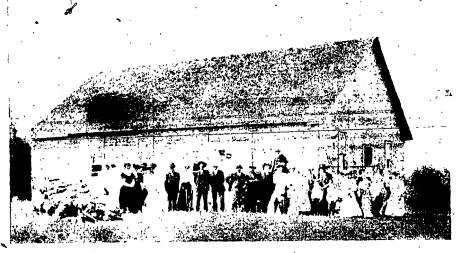


Gunnar and Groa Kjartanson

Mr. nd Mrs. H. Austfjord resided in the Marshland district but left with their family of six children to farm at Mozart, Sask. (Their family increased to seven, but their whereabouts not known.)

Jon and Gudbjorg Arnason with one child moved to Saskatchewan after two or three years. He died in 1946 and she in 1950. They had five children.

Jon Skanderbeg and Sigridur with their two sons John and Bjarni (Barney) and one daughter, Sigrun, left in 1903 for Grass River, near



Marshland Hall

Plumas, Man., where the sons reside. Jon died in 1918 and the mother in 1947. Later John moved to Gladstone.



Jon and Thora Austman Their Children, Asta, Kristjan and John

About this time too there was an exodus of settlers from along the west side of Lake Manitoba, Jon Austman and his wife Thuridur and her grandparents, from the Narrows, settled on land in the most southerly

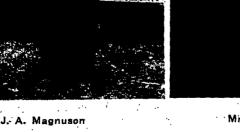
part of the Hecland S. D. Here Mrs. Austman died shortly after. With his second wife, Thora, he farmed successfully until they moved to Winnipeg, where she died some years later. There are three children, Dr. K. J. Austman, Asta (Mrs. L. Oddson), and John, all in Winnipeg. Mr. Austman went to California with his son John and died there.

Homesteading and neighboring with Mr. Austman was his mother-inlaw, Mrs. Bjarney Christianson, then a widow from Westbourne, and foster son Bjorn (Bud), now an implement dealer in Portage la Prairie. Her other two children were Gudmundur (Mundi) for many years Indian-Agent and Supervisor of Indian Affairs (died in 1947), and Gudrun (Mrs. Smith, Winnipeg, also deceased). About 1909 Mrs. Christianson returned to Westbourne and in 1914 bought a home in the town of Langruth, where she died a few years later.

Paul Arnason and Halldora with their six children settled in the Hecland S. D. where both died, he in 1912 and she in 1932. Three of their children, Gudlaugur, Valdimar and Olafia, died at a comparatively early age. The others, Bjorg (Mrs. G. Bjarnarson), near Steel Bridge; John and Paul, stock and grain growers, reside near Langruth.

Jon Magnuson and Gudbjorg settled in the Hecland S. D. and there Gudbiorg died in 1930. Their children are, Johanna (Mrs. Pilkington, McGregor), Freda (Mrs. Hislop, Winnipeg), Gudrun (Mrs. M. Wild), and Magnusia (Mrs. O. Hanneson) of Lakeland. The only son, Gudmundur, farms east of Langruth. The father lived with him until he died in 1940.







Mrs. Gudbjorg Magnuson

Magnus Eirikson and his wife lived near the Hecland School and here both died at a high age. Their granddaughter, Magnea, widow of Jonas Helgason, resides in Winnipeg and is a Registered Nurse.

Grimur Goodmanson and his wife Ingibjorg with their three childrensettled on the farm now owned by their son, Kristinn (Chris), six miles west of Langruth and there both passed away, Ingibjorg in 1934 and Grimur in 1937. The two daughters are Jona (widow of Chris Thorvaldson of Bredenbury, Sask.), and Greta (Mrs. Peter Anderson) near Steel Bridge.

Olafur Arnason and Malfridur settled north of Grimur Goodmanson and after a few years moved to Smalley P.O. Their children are: Sigurdur, north of Dauphin; Julius and Agust of Chicago, and Stefan and Harry. The two daughters, Gubjorg (Mrs. Etzsten), Halla (Mrs. Shearer) in Oklahoma, U.S.A. Mr. and Mrs. Arnason have both passed on.

Magnus Vigfusson and his wife Kristin with two grown-up daughters came from Iceland in 1902 and with their son-in-law and daughter Johanna (Mrs. Hannes Erlendson) who died in Vancouver in 1942, resided at Big Point before, moving to Marshland about 1905. In 1913 they moved to the town of Langruth and he died there. The mother moved to Winnipeg and Gimli with her daughter Gudny (Mrs. S. B. Benedictson) now of Langruth and specified at Gimli in 1924. The third daughter, Sigurlina (Mrs. Robinson) lives at Weyburn, Sask.



Back Row: Gudmundur, Margret, Gudny
Front Row: Gudridur Thorsteinnson, Thorsteinn and Vigfus Thorsteinnson

Vigfus Thorsteinnson and his wife Gudridur spent a few years in Portage la Prairie, where he was a blacksmith. They moved to the lake front before moving to the Hecland S.D. With many others they moved to the Beaver district in 1909 and then to Lundar where they died. Their

four children are: Gudny (Mrs. Jackson), Margaret (Mrs. Pettipiece) of North Battleford, Gudmundur (Jim) a school principal, deceased, and Thorsteinn in Winnipeg.

In 1901, Peter Jacobson and his wife Anna and son Pall came to the Marshland S.D. They moved to Lakeside in 1911 and farmed for a few years where L. Soos, Sr., now resides, and then moved to Langruth where all died, Pall in 1931, Mr. Jacobson in 1934 and Mrs. Jacobson in 1944. A foster daughter, Florence (Mrs. N. Simpson), resides in Victoria, B.C.

From the east side of Lake Manitoba, near Lundar, came Arni Johnson and his wife Oluf. They went into stock-raising on the farm now owned by Geo. Scott, until they retired Langruth in 1926. Both died in the fall of 1940. An only daughter, Anna (Mrs. T. George), resides in Gladstone. Three foster children, Helgi Nordal in Sturgeon Creek, Thorbjorg (Mrs. E. Anderson) Chicago, and Bjorg (Mrs. A. Evans) in St. Vital, Man.



Arni and Gudrun Hannesson

Following in the footsteps of a number of settlers who trekked with their cattle and a few belongings from the Icelandic settlement in the vicinity of Churchbridge, Sask., in the early 90's and settled all along the lake shore, came Arni Hanneson and Gudrun with their five sons, and settled in the middle of the district—now the headquarters of the Community Pasture. They retired to Langruth, selling their farm to Mr. and Mrs. L. Cameron in 1926. They passed on at a mature age. The sons are, Eggert (Ed) near Tisdale, Sask.; Jon, hardware merchant in Langruth; Hallgrimur (Hall), east of Langruth; Oli, of Lakeside P.O., and Tryggvi, a movie projectionist, in Winnipeg. Two sons died in infancy, Hannes and George.

Olafur G. Johnson and Sigthrudur, with their large family of ten children, neighbored with Hannesons but in the Hecland S.D. They moved to Winnipeg and lived with their three un-married daughters, Gudrun, Kristin and Asta, until they died. The other children are, Gudmundur (Jim) of Lone Spruce, Ingibjorg (Mrs. M. Peterson) of Gladstone, Man., Gud-

brandur (Harry) of Glenside, Sask., Sigurlin (Mrs. K. Backman) Winnipeg, Johannes, Winnipeg, Kjartan and Olafur of Lone Spruce.

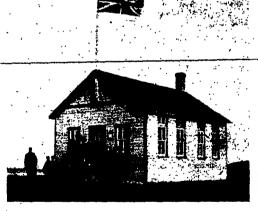


Olafur Gudmundsson Johnson



Sigthrudur Johnson

Jon Goodmanson and his wife Gudridur with two of their five daughters, Elizabeth and Gudny, found land in or near the Amana S.D. where their daughter Anna and son-in-law Sveinn Arnason just out from Iceland joined them. For some years the family, neighbored with Olsons at Lakeside. Two daughters, Gudrun and Julianna (Mrs. Joyle) resided in Winnipeg. The last of this family is Elizabeth (Mrs. T. Simpson) of Fort Garry, Man. Mr. and Mrs. S. Arnason had one foster son, Al Arnason, proprietor of a theatre at Hartney, Man.



Hecland School

In 1899, Bjorn Anderson, a widower with his young son Peter, settled near Steel Bridge on the land now owned by G. Bjarnarson. Later he

married Paul Arnason's daughter Bjorg, now Mrs. G. Bjarnarson. He died in 1913, leaving two sons by his marriage, Lauge and Paul of Golden Stream and Winnipeg.

Gudmundur Gudbrandson and his wife Elin came from the Lakeshore about 1902 and settled in the Hecland S.D., stayed only a short time (some three or four years) then moved to Blaine, Wash.

Jon Tomasson and his wife Svafa (sister to Pall Asmundsson) came from Lakeshore about 1902, also moved out about 1906, went to Vancouver, B.C.

Albert Breckman (brother of Pall Asmundsson) and his wife Anna settled in Hecland S.D. and stayed some three years or so, then moved along with J. Skanderbeg, about 1903, to Grass River, where he bought land and has lived there ever since. His wife died in 1946. Their four children, Kristjan (married and living on the old place, Bjorg (Mrs. Stewart of Gladstone), Dirleif, unmarried in Winnipeg, Eirikur (Eddy), unmarried, lives in Plumas.

Nikolas Snidal and his wife Kristin came from the Narrows. They had four children, Thordur, Stanley, both deceased, Fridthjofur at Steep Rock, and Loa. Mr. and Mrs. Snidal moved to Reykjavík P.O. and later to Lundar, where both died.



Nikolas and Kristin Snidal

Magnus Johnson, came to the district in 1900 and married Kristin Asmundson, they had two children, later moved to Grass River.

Einar Tomason and his wife Gudny moved to Marshland in 1908 from Bluff, on account of flood waters. They settled in Hecland S.D., moved again in the summer of 1909 to Westbourne, and were one of the six families



Karl Thorkelson

that settled on homesteads in the area called "The Bog." They had four children, Thomas, of Beaver; Steinunn, deceased; Kristin, of Beaver; Sigridur, of Winnipeg. They now reside with their married son Thomas.

Paul Asmundson and his wife Helga, with the former's aged parents, Asmundur and Kristjana, lived in the Marshland S.D. for a few years until he died in a mower accident in 1908. The widow with her eight



Helga Asmundson and Daughter

children moved to Westbourne in 1910 and bravely struggled along on her homestead. The children are: Johanna (Mrs. G. Copeland), of St. Vital; Johannes, Asmundur, Jon and Haraldur (deceased), of Westbourne; Kristjana (Mrs. H. Davey), Westbourne; Gudny (Mrs. Hughie), of Vancouver, and Palina (Mrs. McCarthy), of Winnipeg.

Elias Eliason and his wife Gudrun with a family of small children came to the Hecland S.D. direct from Iceland. After a few years they also, in search of better land, moved in 1910 near Westbourne. Their children are: Havardur, Jens, Sigridur, in Winnipeg; Elias, in Ontario; Sigurborg, in Brandon; Kristbjorg (Mrs. A. Asmundson), Solveig (Mrs. Chas. Lambert), of Westbourne; Hildur (Mrs. P. Halldorson), of Katrime; Gudrun (Mrs. A. Johnson), of Selkirk; Maria and Ella.

Sveinn Bjornson, a carpenter of note, and his wife Groa, came from Glenboro and resided for a few years in the district and then moved on to St. Charles. A son, Oscar Goodman, died in World War I, and a daughter, Lilja (Mrs. Whitbred), resides in Charleswood.

In 1901, from Winnipeg came Gudjon Thorkelson and his wife Lilja with their only son, Karl, now a school inspector at Virden. They got land near Stony Lake in the Marshland S.D., where the father died in 1912. The widow married Jon Alfred and they resided in Langruth, where he died in 1941. She is in Betel, the home for the aged in Gimli.



Jon and Lilia Alfred

Bjorn Thordarson and his wife Sigurborg came from Winnipeg and for a few years lived in the district, but moved to Beckville, north and east of Amaranth. They resided there with their three sons, Gisli, Olafur and Snorri, and now make their home with their son Gisli and daughter-in-law near Amaranth. Olafur died in 1945.



Bjorn and Sigurborg Thordarson and Son, Olafur



J. Magnus Bjarnason and Wife, Gudrun

Other early settlers nearer to the town of Langruth but close to Stony Lake were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cathcart and children, for many years of Gladstone. Mrs. Strong (deceased) and son Bert, now in Airedale. Robert Dell.

The Marshland district started off as a promising community with enthusiastic settlers. The social side of life was not overlooked, and in spite of distance and slow mode of travel, memories of happy gatherings no doubt crop up in the minds of those who still survive. The two schools were centres of gathering until the community hall was built in 1906. In 1922 the hall was torn down and material donated for Langruth's first hall. In addition the community had a library of Icelandic volumes that stimulated cultural activity. The central literary figure was J. Magnus Bjarnarson, a poet and writer of considerable note. He taught at Hecland School for years until it was closed in 1911. His wife was Gudrun and they had a foster daughter, Alice, who now has a home of her own in Vancouver.

With the passing of the years there came a change to this district. Many moved away and where at one time there had been a thriving community now only a few remained. Both schools had to close. The few remaining families are engaged in stock raising.

Data obtained through kindness of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Olson and written by Lena Thorleifson.

# AIREDALE

By Mrs. H. D. Wilson

The first settler in the Airedale district was of Icelandic origin. This was Bjorn Sigurdson, who settled on S.W. 28-17-10W. A short while after in 1905 Thomas Reid, Thomas Strong and the Gaunt family took up homesteads here.

The Gaunts settled on S.E. 28-17-10W. As the land was so new with no roads, etc., it was a little difficult to tell correct boundaries. The Strongs settled on N.W. 28-17-10. Later it was found that the settlers had made a few mistakes in picking out their holdings, Bjorn Sigurdson had built on the school section, while the Gaunts were settled on his land. However, later on these mistakes were adjusted and each family settled on their rightful place.

Three years later, in 1908, Gypsy Smith came in with his wife, this man was so called because he was a nephew of the great Evangelist and was a well known and colorful member of this community. He helped



Threshing Outfit at Airedale

build the first road joining west which is still called the Gypsy Smith Road. Another well known settler in this district was Robert Burns Thomson, a great grandson of the famous poet, beloved by all Scots.

The first baby born here was the son of Bert Reid (youngest brother of Thomas Reid) and Hannah Sigurdson, eldest daughter of B. Sigurdson. This lad, whose parents later moved to Fannystelle, went overseas with the Canadian Army in the Second World War and was killed in Italy but was decorated posthumously for bravery.

Airedale is situated close to the Big Grass Marsh and is now developing into quite a grain growing district and many new settlers are breaking up the virgin soil and growing some very beautiful crops.

A considerable portion of this district has been incorporated into a Muskrat Ranch. Ducks Unlimited leased some of this land for the conservation of ducks. With the building of dams and consequent reclamation of the Marsh, in the course of time, the muskrat also returned and throve well. Enterprising men saw the great opportunity to develop the furbearing industry and the Government being approached and the necessary legislation being passed, the Muskrat Ranch was started. The Rural Municipality of Lakeview owns about 50% of this project. The venture is fast developing into a paying concern and adds greatly to the revenue of the Municipality.

Bjorn Sigurdson and his family lived in the district for several years, after his wfe died the children with their father moved away. One daughter, Bjorg Evans, came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Arni Johnson in Langruth.

Robert Burns Thomson, with his wife (now Mrs. Thomas Reid), and his two sons, Dugald and Archibald, farmed in the district until his death. His sons and their families still reside in Airedale.

Thomas Strong with his wife, the former Alice Garrioch, and their children still live at the original home site.

The family of the late Mr. Gaunt lengthe district some time ago and his wife and son Wilfred now live in Winnipeg. The elder daughter, Lillian, now Mrs. Richard McKay, lives in B.C. with her husband and six children. The younger daughter, Alice, made her home at Dauphin.

# HOLLYWOOD

By Mrs. H. D. Wilson



## THE SETTLERS

To the far flung fenceless Prairie
Where the quick cloud shadows trail,
To our neighbors barn in the offing
And the line of the new cut rail;
To the plough in her league-long furrow,
With the grey lake gulls behind—
To the weight of a half-year's winter
And the warm, wet western wind.

Kipling.

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The northern part of Lakeview Municipality is divided into two districts, Hollywood to the north and north-east and Airdale to the north-west. The very earliest settlers in this northern district were families known as the George Faulsters and the Sinclairs. Also Charles McKay, Hudson's Bay Post Manager, and Albert Garrioch. The first marriage solemnized was between Laura Faulster and Jim McKay.

Joe Sinclair lived on the land which is now known as N.W. 34-17-9W and is owned by the Priest at Sandy Bay.

A little later, about 1897, more families of Icelandic origin moved in. Jon Thordarson and his wife Gudfinna, Johann and Sigridur Johannson. They came from Churchbridge, Sask.

These early settlers made their living by trapping and fishing, and cutting logs for buildings. Also they had cattle and poultry and sold their produce at Westbourne and Gladstone, where they secured the supplies needed for themselves and their families.

In the early days the first road travelled was known as the "Front Road." Though before this there was an old Hudson's Bay Trail which angled along further east by the Lake. But all trace of this trail has now been lost except on the title deeds of those who own the land through which it ran. The Lake Front Road linking Kinisota with Westbourne was the most travelled and the Red River Cart drawn by oxen was a common sight on it in those days. The now best road, the Ridge Road was commenced in 1891. This was the year Mr. Albert Garrioch settled on the Ridge N.W. 30-17-9W and the work was done by the Dominion Government. Mr. and Mrs. Garrioch had four children, of whom the eldest son Walter with his wife and family still live near the old home. His only daughter Ida and youngest son Garland now live in Winnipeg. The other son, Roderick, died some years ago, but his widow Martha and family now live at the original home-site. Albert's brother-in-law, Joseph McKay and his wife, the former Margaret Sinclair, were also well known early settlers. Their children were: Richard, Angus, William, Grace (now Mrs. Marteinson of B.C.) and Edith (now Mrs. Tweedie of Port Arthur, Ont.).

The following year the first land in the district was broken and seeded to wheat. It was a wonderful crop and produced many bushels, cut by cradle and flailed by hand. Since this first crop harvested fifty-seven years ago this northern district has produced bountifully.



Hollywood School

As these families became settled the need for a school was felt. In 1904, Hollywood School was built on what is now known as the Little Ridge. This site was chosen because the land was high and dry, well drained. The proper place was a mile further east but was damp and wet for as yet no drainage area had been formed. The school was opened by Mr. Daniel Windsor as the first teacher and the first scholar's name on the register was Helga Johannson, later Mrs. Finnbogi Erlendson, daughter of Johann Johannson.

Nor was the worship of God forgotten in these early days. Church services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garrioch, with Mr. Scott of Westbourne as Minister. Other Ministers to hold services at this home were Mr. Alfred Cook of Kinisota and Mr. A. C. Garrioch, later well known both as a preacher and as the author of books about the pioneers.

After the turn of the century more families moved in to the Hellywood district and took up homesteads. A. W. Law and his wife, also his brother Samuel came in 1902. Others soon followed, James Vowels and his wife Louisa with their daughter Gladys. Later Mr. and Mrs. Vowels moved into Langruth and made their home there.

Mr. C. Gillis and Thomas Moorhead, who later took up land along the Big Ridge, bought from Mr. George Hicks, who was one of the earliest original settlers. He also started a store on what is now the Howard Jackson farm. This store was situated just where the Railway ended at that time and was discussed whether the townsite of Langruth should be at the end of the rail, but it was finally settled that it should be at its present location. Mr. and Mrs. Moorehead had four children: Edith (Mrs. Shaw), Harold and John of Winnipeg, and Hester (Mrs. Bramlett) of Seattle, U.S.A.

As time went on more people moved into Hollywood and took up homesteads or bought land and settled there. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Sutherland with their three children, George, Jessie (now Mrs. J. Johannson), and John, now of U.S.A. Mr. Sutherland's brother, Alexander and his wife were early settlers, but later moved to the States.

Mrs. Margaret Milne Jackson with her five sons had their home on the Little Ridge, her sons were, Alec and John Milne now of Moose Jaw, Dave who was drowned in the north country some years ago, and George and Henry, who live at Newton Siding. Mrs. Jackson is still hale and hearty at 97 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Waterston and their three children, Minnie (Mrs. Young), Robert and Alexander, Jr., had their first home on the Little Ridge.

William Gould was an early homesteader.

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Kaprasiusson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Thorhallur Gudmundson with their children, were early settlers on the Front Road, also Johannes Joenson and family. Other names associated with early days in Hollywood were the Millars and Mr. Varder, the latter conducted services at his home, which is now the Russell farm. Another early settler was Mrs. C. M. Wilson, who with her family lived on the Little Ridge for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parsons and family lived for a short time in Hollywood but later moved to Amaranth, where they still reside.



From Left to Right: Thora Finnbogason, Mary Holmes, Mrs. Murphy,
Ida Robertshaw, Lena Thorleifson
Elizabeth Bjarnarson, Victoria Halliday, Sophie Gibson, Helga Erlendson,
Margaret Bjarnarson
Billie Bjarnarson, Sigrun Oddson, Helga Hanneson

# THE LANGRUTH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Margaret Bjarnarson

A women's organization called the Home Economic Society was organized in August, 1916, with Mrs. Fred Haney as President and Miss Edith Moorehead as Secretary. The name was later changed to the Women's Institute, with its motto "For Home and Country." Five of the Charter members are still active, they are Mrs. C. Anderson, Mrs. G. Thorleifson, Mrs. M. Jackson, Mrs. J. Hanneson and Mrs. G. W. Langdon. From 1916-1919 our meetings were held in the rest-room, which was furnished by the I.O.D.E. and W.I. The society sponsored courses in Millinery, Dress Making, Home Nursing and Canning during the years of World War I. A girls' club was organized and continued for some years.

We were very interested in the community hall, raising funds for a piano, dishes, chairs, painting the hall and cash donations, in the early twenties.

The cemeteries at Big Point and at Lakeland were cleaned and later this work was taken over by the Lutheran Ladies' Aid and Lakeside residents respectively.

A community Library was sponsored in 1921, a committee was appointed and a very good library was built up. Twenty years later when interest was lagging the W.I. again took charge, with the late Mrs. W. C. Hall as Secretary.

The W.I.'s first interest was shown by holding a Baby Clinic in charge of the late Dr. Ellen Douglas. This was followed by clinics with the late

Dr. Gordon Chown, Dr. Bruce Chown in charge. Dental clinics were held for a few years.

Hot lunches were served in the school by Mrs. G. Thorleifson by W.I. suggestion as early as 1917. Through the years donations to the school have been pictures, first aid kit, library books and playground equipment. Prizes have been given for the best scribblers and essays. We also encouraged Festival work. Other interests for children have been donations to the skating rink, tennis court, toboggan slide and swings. The girls' sewing club, calf club and garden club have received prizes. The Girl Guides were sponsored by the Women's Institute for a while with Mrs. B. Bjarnarson as leader.

Donations have been made to the Salvation Army, Children's Aid, with canvassing as well.

Health has been on the programme since the beginning. We made a donation to furnishing a ward in the Grace Hospital. For years we kept a travelling sick-room kit for any one needing it.

A tag day for Cancer Research has been held each year of late, in charge of Mrs. B. Bjarnarson. Since 1944, this district has been in the Blue Cross Group, under the leadership of Mrs. G. W. Langdon, who brought the idea from the Advisory Board. Our society has had charge of the T.B. Mobile Clinic when it visits this district. We purchase Christmas seals, the sales of which help finance the Mobile Clinic. Two of our members have assisted at the Health Unit Baby Clinic when necessary, they are Mrs. E. Matthews and Mrs. H. D. Wilson. These clinics are held monthly.

This society has held flower shows, sponsored garden inspection and encouraged community "clean-up" week.

During World Wars I and II our members worked for the Red Cross, made donations and sent parcels to service men and women. After World War II the W.I. had a trust fund with money given in memory of our fallen from our society, later others gave sums of money. When the Community Cenotaph Committee was organized this fund was transferred to their account.

One means of raising money for many years past has been an annual old-time concert, with much credit to Mrs. J. Hanneson. A cook book was compiled and printed and the same person was responsible for its success.

We have W.I. members on the Children's Aid Society board. For twenty years a member has been on the local school board, at present there are two women, one as chairman. We are also represented on the Gladstone Hospital Area No. 17 and the Regional Trustee Association.

We belong in the Portage W.I. district, the following women have been on the district board: Mrs. J. Hanneson, Mrs. C. Eyvindson, Mrs. G. Thorleifson, Mrs. G. W. Langdon and Mrs. Valdimar Bjarnarson. Mrs. Thorleifson served as district president 1930-33 and as Provincial vice-president for two years, Mrs. G. W. Langdon as district president 1943-47, Provincial president for 1946-47 and as board member for the Federated Women's Institute of Canada for two years. The present president of our district is Mrs. Valdi Bjarnarson.



The Ladies' Aid "Fjallkonan"

Back Row: Lena Thorleifson, Lilja Alfred.

Second Row: Johanna Erlendson, Anna Lamb, Sigurborg Gottfred, Helga Erlendson, Laura Finnogason, Helga Hanneson, Anna Baker.

Front Row: Gudrun Helgason, Gudrun Ingimundarson, Gudfinna Thordarson, Frida Olson, Anna Lingholt, Oluf Johnson, Steinun Tomason, Gudbjorg Valdimarson and Gudfinna Bjarnarson.

# LUTHERAN LADIES' AID

By Laura Finnbogason

Stimulated by the patriotic efforts of two of our pioneer women, Thora Finnbogason and Lena Thorleifson, 26 local women of Icelandic descent met at the home of Mrs. Lena Thorleifson on November 18, 1916, and organized a society to help the war effort and any local worthy charity or project. The name decided on was "Fjallkonan," (Maid of the Mountain). Monthly meetings were held and an annual membership fee of 25 cents was charged. Officers elected at this meeting were: President, Mrs. Thora Finnbogason; Vice-President, Mrs. Anna Jacobson; Secretary, Mrs. Maria Hanneson; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Lena Thorleifson; Treasurer, Mrs. Helga Erlendson. Under their guidance the society became so popular that practically every woman in the community was soon an active member. Until the close of World War I they worked enthusiastically for the comfort of the soldiers by teas, bazaars, plays, dances, etc., raised funds and sent parcels regularly to the boys enlisted from this district, and on their return sponsored a "Welcome Home Party" for each boy, at which he was presented with a gold watch or other suitable gift.

From November 1919 to 1924 there was a slight change of objective and the efforts of Fjallkonan were concentrated on local improvements. We see them making generous donations to the Big Point Hall, which at that time was the only community hall in the district, being used for church services as well as entertainments, contributing towards the building of a community hall in Langruth, as well as to a fund for the erection of a

Lutheran Church in Langruth, paying for the parsonage, and many other local projects.

At a special meeting held in the Langruth School November 16, 1924, on motion of Mrs. Anna Baker, seconded by Mrs. Gudrun Ingimundarson, it was carried that the name "Fjallkonan" be changed to Lutheran Ladies' Aid of Herdubrèid Lutheran Church of Langruth. The constitution was then amended and all members were to be members or adherents of the



Lutheran Ladies' Aid

Gudfinna Olafson, Johanna Thompson, Hlif Thompson, Gudfinna Bjarnarson, Gudrun Thordarson, Gudfinna Thordarson, Johanna Erlendson, Gudridur Eastman, Holmfridur Olson, Helga Erlendson, Sigurborg Gottfred, Ingibjorg Peterson, Gudrun Ingimundarson, Anna Thompson, Svafa Egilson, Elizabeth Bjarnarson, Margaret Bjarnarson, Helga Isfeld, Lena Thorleifson, Helga Hanneson, Signy Johnson, Jonina Isfeld, Elin Thompson and Oluf Polson.

Lutheran Church, willing to assist the congregation in all church or charitable projects of the community. The annual fee was raised to \$1.00, meetings to be held the first Saturday of each month, to be opened with a hymn, a Bible reading and prayer, and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

When Herdubreid Lutheran Church was built in 1929 this Ladies' Aid financed the interior decorating and donated the Pulpit and Altar, which is surmounted by Christensen's statue of Christ, as well as the seats, lights and fixtures.

This year also marked the opening of the Lutheran Sunday School in the new church, each Sunday morning. The first teachers appointed were Mrs. Elizabeth Bjarnarson and Mrs. Gudrun Ingimundarson. They were soon joined by Mrs. Lena Thorleifson, who since the opening of the Langruth Consolidated School had conducted a joint Sunday School in the school. Special mention should be made of the contribution in leadership and time given so willingly by these ladies, Mrs. Bjarnarson and Mrs. Thorleifson, for their faithful attendance throughout the years, their daily example of life, the preparation of Confirmation Classes and training of children for the Annual Sunday School Christmas Tree.

This society also established a Memorial Fund which is used for the improvement and beautifying of Big Point Cemetery, in the placing of marble markers on each unmarked grave, and the planting of flowers and shrubs by "work-bees" each summer.

When the Sunrise Camp was erected at Husavik, in 1945, the Langruth Lutheran Aid financed the building of the Hospital Hut and still contributes towards its maintenance.

By conducting the meetings in English instead of Icelandic since 1947 there has been a greatly increased membership, especially of young women, and the society now boasts a roll call of 50 members, some of whom

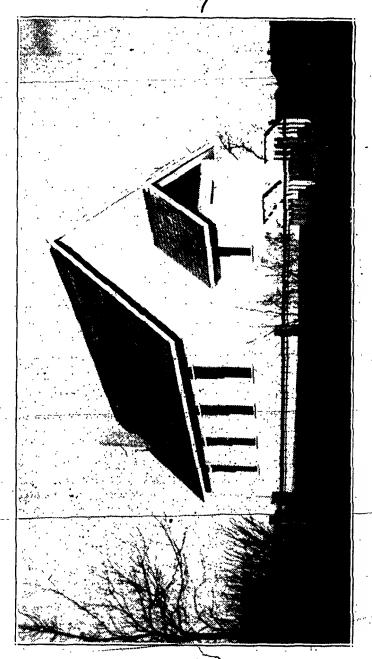


Lutheran Church, Built in 1929

however were charter members. The present officers are: President, Mrs. Hlif Thompson; Vice-President, Mrs. Anna Armstrong; Secretary, Mrs. Laura Marteinson; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Lena Thorleifson; Treasurer, Mrs. Sigrun Oddson, who has served in that office for over 20 years.

The Ladies' Aid is an associate of the Lutheran Women's League of the Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North America. Mrs. Lena Thorleifson was for two years the President of the League, and Mrs. B. Bjarnarson is at present Second Vice-President. Those who have served on the Executive are: Mrs. Lena Thorleifson, Mrs. Elizabeth Bjarnarson, Mrs. Laura Finnbogason, Mrs. Helga Hanneson, Mrs. Victoria Valdimarson and Mrs. Margaret Bjarnarson.

The goal of the Langruth Lutheran Ladies' Aid will not be attained until a permanent Lutheran Minister is established at Langruth.



Langruth's United Church was built in 1910. When union was consummated in 1925 and United Church was established the church building was moved to the village of Langruth. An addition was made and other alterations were effected. Since then the Church has been kept in good repair, painted and cement walks laid, trees have been planted and the grounds well looked after. It has not been possible to have a minister stationed here but the church has been served by a student minister during the summer months. Sunday school is kept open all the year.

#### THE UNITED CHURCH LADIES' AID

In 1918 the Home Mission Board of the Methodist Church of Canada stationed Rev. W. A. Hawley, a chaplain of World War I, on the Langruth Circuit as summer supply. Due to his interest in the community and church work the Ladies' Aid was organized at a meeting in the home of Mrs. G. W. Langdon on September 2nd, 1918. The constitution as prepared by Rev. Hawley was adopted, viz., "To raise funds for local church purposes; to assist in visitation of congregation, especially the sick and strangers; and such projects as were in the interests of the church; to raise funds for the erection of a Union Church; the officers to be elected annually shall be a president, secretary and treasurer, and other officers as the society may deem necessary; the president to be a member of the quarterly official board."

Charter members of the Ladies' Aid were: Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Dover. Mrs. McLarty, Mrs. Moorehead, Miss Edith Moorehead, Mrs. Chapman. Mrs. Tom Charlton, Mrs. Alf Williams, Mrs. James Haney, Mrs. Joseph Carson, Sr., Mrs. A. Sproule, Mrs. A. Sutherland, Mrs. Martin Jackson, Miss Margaret Robinson, Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mrs. Tom Brown and Mrs. G. W. Langdon. Officers elected were: Mrs. James Haney, President; Mrs. Langdon, Secretary; Miss Edith Moorehead, Treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Carson, Sr., Honorary President; Mrs. Charles Chapman, Vice-President.

Although this society functioned under the Methodist Church from 1918-1920, the Union Church 1920-1925 and until the present (1950) in the United Church of Canada, our original constitution still stands and our chief objective is the advancement of church work in the community. Having raised money by teas, bazaars, concerts, Thanksgiving suppers. St. Patrick tea, and talent money, by November, 1923, we had purchased a \$450.00 Victory bond at 51/2% for 4 years. In 1925 we purchased the lots on which our present church stands. In April, 1926, we financed the moving of the Methodist Church from Lakeland to Langruth and since that time have assumed considerable responsibility towards its maintenance and -furnishings. Nor has the spiritual side of our church life been neglected, as we have given continual leadership in the Sunday School, of these Mrs. Haney, Mrs. W. C. Hall and Mrs. H. D. Wilson deserve special mention; we sponsor a Baby Band, and are affiliated with the Missionary Society of the United Church, and also encourage subscriptions for the Church Observer, The Missionary Record and other church publications, and assist in local charity. Although we realize that in any society membership is of the utmost importance and that it is the effort of the individual member that counts, we regret that in a report of this kind only personnel of our presidents should be recorded, i.e., Mrs. James Haney, our first president, served from 1918 until 1926 (it was during her term of office that the present church was dedicated). Mrs. Harry Robertshaw was our second president, 1926-1927. Mrs. Charles Anderson was elected president in 1927 and held that office until Mrs. W. C. Hall was chosen president in 1930 and served until the annual meeting in 1947.

The executive at present is: Mrs. J. W. Connell, President; Mrs. Charles Organ, Secretary; Mrs. B. Johanson, Treasurer; Mrs. W. Crealock, First Vice-President; Mrs. Cecil Arksey, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Langdon, Honorary Presidents.

It is of interest to note that of the summer supply of men stationed by the Methodist Home Mission Board to the Langruth circuit, which in 1909 was Amana, North Lakeland, Airedale and as far north as Leifur, were Messrs. Nobel, Gard, Reidman, Smith, Pat Carrothers, Hatfield and F. E. Stacey.

All these men served in World War I. Mr. Stacey joined the Medical. Corps on October 19, 1917. The death of Mr. Smith was reported to us two weeks before this date.

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# THE UNITED CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School work has been carried on for many years in Langruth, in 1913 Mrs. Lena Thorleifson had started a Sunday School for all children who would attend (both English speaking and Icelandic). In the early days she was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman and Mr. Patterson. Later on, when Mr. Joseph Carson with his wife came to Langruth, they were instrumental in moving the Methodist Church (now United Church) to its present site, and since then Sunday School has been held there. Mr. Carson, Mrs. Langdon, Mrs. J. S. Haney and Mrs. G. Eastman all gave of their services, also Mr. Craigie, when he was school principal for a year. About 1928 Mr. McLarty came to work in the Sunday School and soon after Mrs. W. C. Hall took over and gave devoted service for twenty years. Associated with her in the work were Pearl and Kristin Halldorson, Irene and Doreen Emberley and Gordon Holmes, who had acted in the capacity of Secretary-Treasurer since he has been old enough to do so: Since Mrs. Hall's death early in 1950, Mrs. H. Penner (nee Emberly), Mrs. C. Organ, Mrs. H. D. Wilson, Mrs. E. Emberly and Mrs. J. Hyndman have carried on the school, which has now an enrollment of over 50.

#### BERGLIND LADIES' AID

By Thora Finnbogason

This society was organized June 10, 1925, with eight members of Icelandic origin. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. S. Finnbogason. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. S. Finnbogason; Secretary, Mrs. B. Christianson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Thorsteinson. The objective of this society was to start a Free Religious movement and aid every good cause regardless of what religion it might be, if they thought it was for good, where there was sickness or poverty, or local improvements,

as well as sending clothing to Europe and parcels overseas to the soldiers. Later, when the second war broke out they gave a helping hand and even if this Ladies' Aid was made up of a very small group of ladies, they made it up in energy when it came to putting on bazaars of fancy work. They really merited great credit for their lovely showing and they achieved much. They favored the First Federated Church of North America. They sponsored the following ministers; Rev. A. E. Kristjanson, Rev. Gudmundur Arnason, Rev. Ragnar E. Kvaran and Rev. P. M. Peturson. These men, besides a few others, came to Langruth at intervals and held services which were very much enjoyed as the ministers were all eloquent speakers and very entertaining, out of the pulpit as well as in it. Sometimes they gave of their talent at concerts as well as holding services and conducting funerals. All the ministers belonged to the Federated Icelandic Church of North America. The members of Berglind never exceeded fourteen.

On April 5, 1944, the organization was dissolved as so many of the members had moved away from the district and were scattered here and there, the remaining few did not feel equal to carrying on.

On June 28, 1947, Mrs. Thora Finnbogason was made Honorary Member of the United Ladies' Aid of the Federated Icelandic Church of North America. She received a Diploma which made her a life member.

## WAR WORKERS

During World War I all Red Cross work was undertaken by an organization of local men and women known as the Patriotic Society. This group, with assistance from the Hilliard-Burford Chapter of I.O.D.E., the Lutheran Laidies' Aid and the Women's Institute—all newly formed organizations—sent parcels, to the boys overseas and sponsored the "Welcome Home Party" for each returned man, as well as encouraging all district war efforts and the sale of war bonds.

At the close of the war, the Patriotic Society having disbanded, when need of supervision and encouragement for our soldier settlers arose, the Lakeview Red Cross was organized, with the late Fred Erlendson as President and Rev. Joseph Young of Amaranth as Secretary-Treasurer, also having two representatives from each of the six wards of the municipality on the executive. This branch of the Red Cross functioned conscientiously and successfully through the depression and in 1937 the bank book was turned in.

With World War II, the Red Cross was reorganized in 1939, again as a municipal organization, officers being: President, George Hall; Vice-President, H. D. Wilson; Secretary-Treasurer, T. M. Willett, and with the cooperation of the community, answered each appeal generously. Present officers are: President, H. D. Wilson; Vice-President, R. W. Polson; Secretary-Treasurer, F. A. Thorgrimson. Early in the war women felt they could accomplish still more if they organized also in district groups,



with a central unit at Langruth, which had as executive: President, Mrs. T. M. Willet; Secretary, Mrs. G. Thorleifson; Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Langdon, and Work Convenor, Mrs. W. C. Hall. The branches formed were Big Point, Hollywood, Lakeside, North Lakeland, Langruth and Lucky Seven.

## NORTH LAKELAND WAR WORKERS

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This group, locally known as the "Willing Workers," was formed during World War II as a Red Cross work unit, with about fifteen or twenty members. At the end of the war when the Red Cross became inactive the group decided to continue the meetings and to work for Community projects, among them being the cemetery and school. With money raised by this group an organ has been placed in the school, as well as dishes, cooking utensils and curtains. Several Jarge contributions have been made to the cemetery committee with the object of eventually securing markers for the graves. This combining of the efforts of the "Willing Workers" has created a strong community spirit.

## LUCKY SEVEN WAR WORKERS

Organized November 24, 1941. President, Mrs. V. Bjarnarson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. Buchan. There were seven members, and was disbanded August 16, 1945. Fifty-seven quilts were turned in, 3 dresses, 3 helmets, 20 pair of socks. Money was made from dances, teas, raffles and donations. The amount raised was \$561.93, which was given to the following: Red Cross, Milk for Britain; Children's Aid, Overseas Boxes, Chinese War Relief, Navy League, Canadian Legion and W.A. in Gladstone.

# AMANA WAR WORKERS

There were not many ladies in Amana during the war and they were not organized but they made as many quilts as they could and handéd them in to the Red Cross branch at Langruth. There was also quite a bit of knitting done for the Red Cross. We bought our own material, raising the money by paying for our tea at the quilting and by holding bazaars.

The local Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire was organized as the Hilliard-Burford Chapter in March, 1917, with twenty-four paid members. The executive, as elected was, Regent, Mrs. Constance M. Wilson; Vice-Regent, Mrs. J. S. Haney; Secretary, Miss Edith Moorehead; Treasurer, Mrs. Lena Thorleifson. Early meetings were held in the school and shortly after in the rest-room, a house on Main Street, belonging to Magnus Johnson, and which was furnished by joint efforts of the Women's Institute and I.O.D.E., until its sale in May, 1918, where members entertained and for meetings. Concentrating on the patriotic work, money was raised by individual donations, teas served in the rest-room each Thursday, Thanksgiving dinner; the first in our community to finance the sending of parcels to our boys overseas as well as the purchase of materials for knitted garments and other articles for the boys overseas and providing reading material for the forces. Contributions were also made to the French Red Cross, the Navy League and later to the Children's Aid of Winnipeg.

This organization disbanded early in 1921. When the United Church was built in Langruth in 1925 the remaining resident members donated the Memorial Window and Plaque, honoring the fallen of our district: Harold Hilliard, James Burford, who gave their names to the Chapter, Valdimar Bjornson and Tomas Thordarson.

Charter members still residing in the community and vicinity are Mrs. Thorleifson, Mrs. James Vowels, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Charles Parsons and Mrs. James Burford.

## HOLLYWOOD WAR WORKERS

The Hollywood War Workers organized in May, 1940, and carried on their work for five years until the fall of 1945, when they disbanded after hostilities ceased.

Through the five years the ladies collected and donated to the various funds \$2,372.45; 304 quilts were made and donated to the Red Cross, also 449 knitted articles and 160 sewn articles were made from material either donated by members or supplied by the Red Cross. Besides these, four blankets were made from old woollens collected and 50 pairs of socks and sweaters were made for the Navy League. The ladies all worked very hard and were happy in the work they did, both for our own boys and for the distressed people overseas. In the winter they formed themselves into three small groups. Those who lived close to each other worked together as transportation in the war years was very difficult and roads were bad. In this way they could accomplish more work.

When the ladies organized Mrs. H. D. Wilson was named President, Mrs. Gordon Thordarson, Secretary; Mrs. C. M. Benson, Treasurer; Mrs.

P. W. O'Connor, Work Convenor, and Mrs. Martha Garrioch, Sewing Convenor. Later Mrs. C. M. Benson was appointed Secretary-Treasurer. When Mrs. P. W. O'Connor left Hollywood in the early spring of 1945 her place was taken by Mrs. Charles Harding, who carried on until the close.



Hollywood War Workers, July 1945

Back Row: Mrs. C. Harding, Mrs. T. Strong, Mrs. J. A. Johanson, Sr., Mrs. R. L. Bott, Mrs. V. Valdimarson, Mrs. H. D. Wilson, Mrs. F. Thordarson, J. Front Row: Mrs. B. Thordarson, Mrs. C. M. Benson, Mrs. J. L. Faurschou, Mrs. Gordon Thordarson, Mrs. John Milne and Mrs. P. W. O'Connor.

### BIG POINT WAR WORKERS CLUB

Organized September 9, 1943, to July 5, 1945. There were twelve members in our group. Our main object was to raise money for donations for Soldiers' boxes, Navy League, Red Cross, Milk for Britain and War Relief Fund. The work that was done was 22 quilts for the Red Cross, 10 pair gloves, 2 sweaters, 4 pair navy socks, 2 jackets, 4 pair army socks and 5 women's skirts.

In raising funds we received a total of \$556.74, proceeds from dances, whist drives, bazaars, raffles and auction sales, including private donations.

Our hearty wish was to get our boys back safe, awaiting them with what assistance we could offer.

Mrs. F. Isfeld, Secretary.

## LANGRUTH WAR WORKERS GROUP-

President, Mrs. T. M. Willet; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. B. Bjarnarson; Work Convenors, Mrs. W. C. Hall and Mrs. Oddson. In addition to knitting and sewing for the regular Red Cross shipments, this group concentrated on quilting. Work meetings were held each week in the Community Hall during the summer months and in Mrs. B. Bjarnarson's home in the winter. Mentioning this kindness of Mrs. Bjarnarson, we must also draw attention to the extra hours spent by Mrs. J. Johanson, Jr., Mrs. Emberly, Mrs. Oddson, in setting up quilts, besides quilting, with special recognition to the work of Mrs. B. Halldorson and Mrs. J. Hanneson for piecing tops. The contribution of Mrs. W. C. Hall in time and energy spent in handling the Red Cross work, the distribution of work and the collection and shipment of finished articles from all groups deserves special mention. Her work was truly an inspitation to all. Our funds raised by teas, dances, raffles, as well as contributions, were used for Red Cross, overseas appeals and boxes for our boys in the services. Under the capable direction of Mrs. Willet we felt that much was accomplished on the home front.

## VICTORY CLUB

Worthy, too, was the work done by the young girls of the community who were organized as the Victory Club, with Miss B. E. Halldorson as President. Their meetings were held at the home of Mrs. Willet. Money raised by dances, teas, etc., was denated to the Red Cross or local projects.

## SOUTH LAKESIDE WAR WORKERS GROUP

On July 8, 1942, Mrs. W. Carson called a meeting at the home of Mrs. George Forsley. There were 15 ladies present and we organized a war workers group to aid the Red Cross in its work. Mrs. W. Carson was elected convenor and Mrs. G. Forsley secretary-treasurer, each holding the same office until 1945 when we disbanded, as our help was no longer needed. On May 8, 1945, we held our regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Crealock, where we disbanded as a war workers group and organized into a group under the name of "Lakeside Community Helpers."



South Lakeside War Workers, Quilting Group, 1945

Our war Workers meetings were held at various homes every other Wednesday. Our chief work at these meetings was quilting. Over 80 quilts were completed, tops being made from donated material and batts and backing bought from funds raised by the group. We also made several complete layettes and donated, and did many items of sewing and knitting which was distributed from the centre at Langruth. Funds were raised by putting on dances, teas, bazaars, travelling shirts, raffles, etc. Regular donations were made to Red Cross and other war organizations each year.

Ellen Forsley

## LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE LEGION

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, Langruth Branch No. 162, B.E.S.L., was organized January 3rd, 1946, with the first meeting held at the home of Mrs. Valdi Bjarnarson. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. V. Bjarnarson; First Vice-President, Mrs. R. M. Duffin; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. Puddicombe; Secretary, Mrs. K. Connell; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Hiebert. This society received its charter in June, 1946.

Mrs. C. T. Boyd of Gladstone initiated the members, installed the officers and presented the charter from the Provincial Command.

"The purpose of the Auxiliary is assisting the Legion in seeing to the maintenance and comfort of the disabled, sick, aged and needy ex-service men and women and their dependents, and co-operate in the promotion and carrying out all the aims and objects of the Legion."

The society assists the Legion in holding a Memorial Day at the Cenotaph each year. In the fall, the Legion Banquet is an annual event sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary. They have a club room adjoining the Legion club rooms for meetings and social gatherings. The membership in August, 1950, was 62. The society raises money in the usual manner, by teas, bazaars, dances, plays and a banquet. Delegates are sent to the District Convention annually, and to the Provincial Biennial Convention.

The 1950 officers are: President, Mrs. A. Buchan; First Vice-President, Mrs. E. Johnson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Carson; Secretary, Mrs. V. Bjarnarson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Marteinson.

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On behalf of the remaining members of the committee, they would like to express their deep appreciation to Mrs. Gudni Thorleifson and Mrs. John Hanneson, to whose work and unfailing inspiration, the production of this book is largely due.